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FATE OF UNOFFICIAL AMENDMENTS

Consembly Passes Article About Appointment Of Ministers

NEW DELHI, DEC. 31 (UPI): WITH THE CONSENT OF THE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED AT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TODAY THAT ON MONDAY ARTICLE 67 RELATING TO COMPOSITION OF HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT WOULD BE TAKEN UP FOR CONSIDERATION.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari suggested that Article 67 should be taken up today postponing consideration of the following Articles.

Mr. B. Poker strongly objected to the suggestion and said that members were entitled to know what procedure was followed for discussion of the Articles. The Article was very important and they would have been informed in advance that it would be taken up today.

IN INTEREST OF PROVINCES

The Vice-President said adoption of the Article would facilitate the preparation of electoral rolls. In some Provinces electoral rolls were almost completed and in others they had been completed. By passing the Article they would facilitate the work of the Provinces, because if serious modifications were made that would greatly hamper the work of the Provinces in preparing the rolls.

Pandit Kunzru made a compromise formula suggesting that the Article could be taken up on Monday without involving any delay at all.

The suggestion having been accepted, the Assembly will take up Article 67 on Monday.

Dr. Mookerjee also informed the House that the Assembly would be adjourned 'sine die' on January 8.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (UPI): Resuming discussions this morning the Constituent Assembly proceeded with consideration of the amendments to the Article relating to other provisions as to Ministers, such as, appointment of Ministers, oath of office and of secrecy, salaries and allowances, etc.

Dr. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Drafting Committee, moved to add a new clause providing that "in the choice of his Ministers and the exercise of his other functions under this constitution, the President shall be generally guided by the instructions set out in schedule III-A, but the validity of anything done by the President shall not be called on the ground that it was done otherwise than in accordance with such instructions".

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed in an amendment to Dr. Ambedkar's amendment sought to delete all the words commencing with "but the validity" to the end. If the clause as it stood was accepted, said Mr. Ahmed, it would amount to a serious encroachment on the right of citizens. If the President acted only on the advice of the Minister, it would amount to bring all civic rights of citizens to an absolute naught. All such possibilities had to be considered, he added.

PLEA FOR CITIZEN'S RIGHTS

Mr. B. Poker's amendment provided that "the Ministers shall hold office so long as they enjoy the confidence of the House of the people." He asked that the convention followed would be mentioned in the constitution.

Mr. Mihirlal Chattopadhyaya wanted to all the words "of Ministers" after the word "council" in clause 3 in order to remove the vagueness and uncertainty. The word "council" had been used in the constitution for various meanings and as such it should be made clear in this clause.

Mr. Mohd. Tahir sought to substitute the present provision that a Minister, who, for any period of six months, was not a memoer of either Houses of Parliament should at the expiration of that period cease to be a Minister by his amendment that "a Minister shall at the time of his appointment as such, be a member of the Parliament."

Referring to Dr. Ambedkar's amendment, Mr. Tahir supported the amendment of Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed. The last portion of Dr. Ambedkar's amendment which Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed had sought to delete was in fact negation of the instructions given to the President under the schedule concerned. The spirit of the schedule was that in choosing the Ministers the President should bear in mind the instructions providing for proper representation of the minorities in the Ministry. This idea could not be met if this portion was kept in the amendment as it was. The instrument of instructions to the President, he said, should be simple and clear.

SHAH'S AMENDMENT

Prof. K. T. Shah through his amendment aimed to substitute the words "for any period of six consecutive months" in clause 5 by the words "after his appointment is for any period of six consecutive months".

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari by an amendment to Prof. Shah's amendment sought to substitute the word "after" by the words "from the date of".

The idea of the two amendments was that a Minister who from the date of his appointment was not a member of either Houses of Parliament for six consecutive months should cease to be a Minister at the expiration of that period. The amendments sought to improve the language which said that a Minister who was not a member of either Houses "is not an elected member".

Prof. K. T. Shah by his amendment sought to add a new clause providing that every Minister before he entered upon the functions at his office should make a declaration in regard to his right, title, etc. in business, trade and other interests.

NEED OF DECLARATION BY MINISTERS

Mr. H. V. Kamath amending the amendment of Prof. Shah suggested that "every Minister including the Prime Minister shall, before he enters upon his office, make a full disclosure to Parliament of any interest, right, share, property or title he may have in any enterprise, business or trade, directly owned or controlled by the State, or which is in any way aided, protected or subsidised by the State; and Parliament may deal with the matter in such maner as it may, in the circumstances, deem necessary or appropriate."

Prof. K. T. Shah moved an amendment which sought to include that no one shall be elected or appointed to any public office including that of the President, Governor or Minister of the Union if he was not able to read or write and express himself in the English language during the ten years of the transition period. Prof. Shah's amendment also stated that no person shall be appointed to such office if within ten years of his appointment he is not able to read or write and express in the national language.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed moved an amendment which sought to delete the latter portion of Dr. Ambedkar's amendment on the ground that it was inconsistent with the former part of Dr. Ambedkar's amendment.

SIDHWA OPPOSES ALL AMENDMENTS

During the general discussion Mr. R. K. Sidhwa opposed all the amendments and supported the Article as it stood in the draft constitution. While there was no difference of opinion among members of the House relating to the purity of administration, statutory provision for removal of anyone from office of a Minister was unnecessary, he said. He pointed out that the Prime Minister would be enjoying the confidence of the House as also the Ministers. If any Minister's conduct was open to reproach, they could bring in a vote of no-confidence and remove him from office.

MR. MAHABIR TYAGI ALSO OPPOSED THE AMENDMENTS. MR. TYAGI PARTICULARLY OPPOSED PROF. SHAH'S AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE LITERACY OF THE OFFICE BEARERS. WHAT WAS REALLY WANTED IN THE DEMOCRATIC INDIA WAS EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION AND NOT THE MINISTER'S CAPACITY TO READ AND WRITE, HE SAID.

Mr. Tyagi said that if Prof. Shah's amendment were to be accepted no average person in India could ever aspire to become a Minister or a President during the transition period. This was opposed to the concept of democracy, he said.

WHAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT SAID

Mr. Khardekar (Kohlapur) supported the adoption of the Article as it stood. He also drew the attention of the House to the difference in the functions of the President and the Ministers. The ideals set up by Plato in his treatise on Republic should be enforced in some form or other if democracy were to be achieved, he said. He also opposed to Mr. Tyagi's remark on the qualification of literacy. He cited an example of a French King's reaction to Abraham Lincoln's resolution on democracy as a Government of the people, for the people and by the people. The French King, he said, was reported to have said that it was a Government of the cattle, for the cattle and by the cattle. Therefore, Mr. Khardekar said that it was no use decrying literacy.

AMBEDKAR'S REPLY

Dr. Ambedkar replying to the debate said that he was prepared to accept only two amendments which were moved by Mr. Mihirlal Chattopadhyaya and Prof. K. T. Shah which related to the period of six months mentioned in clause 5 of the Article.

The other amendments, Dr. Ambedkar said, fell under three categories. One related to the term of the Ministers. The second related to the qualifications of the Ministers and the third conditions for membership. He analysed one by one and said that all the amendments were quite unnecessary as in his opinion there was a better sanction of enforcing the conditions than by putting them down on paper alone.

DOUBLE OBJECTIVE

Referring to Mr. Poker Saheb's amendment that the Ministers shall hold office only so long as they enjoy the confidence of the House of people, Dr. Ambedkar said there might arise a contingency when even if a Minister's administration was corrupt he could not be removed from the office either by the Prime Minister or by the President, if the Minister had the confidence of the House. That was not desirable. What was wanted was purity of administration coupled with the confidence of the House.

OPPOSITE ASPECT

Similarly Dr. Ambedkar said that Mr. Karimuddin's amendment emphasised the opposite aspect. It in effect laid stress on the fact that even if a Minister did not enjoy the confidence of the House so long as his administration was above suspicion he could not be removed from office. As a matter of fact, Dr. Ambedkar said the Article, as it originally stood, sought to include both the aspects, namely, purity of administration of a Minister as well as the confidence of the House. Therefore he said that the Article as it stood should be accepted.

Referring to the qualifications for the Minister Dr. Ambedkar said that there was no difference of opinion among any section of the House as to the need of efficiency of administration. Mr. Tahir's amendment that at the time of appointment he shall be a member of Parliament precluded the possibility of an efficient person getting appointed if he did not happen to be a member of Parliament. The Article on the other hand required him to get elected within six months' time. That was sufficient in order to enable him to get elected from either his constituency or any other constituency. Therefore the amendment was quite unnecessary, Dr. Ambedkar said.

Referring to Prof. Shah's amendment relating to the knowledge of English for ten years and knowledge of the national language afterwards as a condition for appointment as a Minister, Dr. Ambedkar said that there was no contingency of a person who did not know the national language or English being appointed as President or Minister for a long time to come. And as such there was no need for incorporating the amendment.

On the third aspect, namely, that a Minister as soon as he gets appointed should declare his interests, rights, property and other similar assets, Dr. Ambedkar said that he had made certain observations when the same topic came up while discussing the qualifications of the President and that he did not want to repeat them.

Dr. Ambedkar said that it was also essential to lay down that at the expiry of the term of office of a person as a Minister he should declare his assets and liabilities so as to enable the Government and the Parliament to scrutinise whether the increase in his assets during his term of office was consistent with the emoluments he was getting. Provision was also necessary to charge him for corruption and maladiministration if Parliament found that he was indulging in them.

BETTER WAY OUT

Dr. Ambedkar asked whether there was no other way out and said that they had a better legal sanction to throw the Minister out of office by a vote of no confidence i the Parliament if the Parliament suspected his 'bona fides'. That was a better legal sanction; otherwise if the sanctions sought to be incorporated in the draft in accordance with the amendments were to be adopted, Dr. Ambedkar said the remedy provided was very inadequate. Therefore he opposed them all and pleaded the Article to be accepted with the amendment moved by himself and with the amendments which he had stated he would be prepared to accept.

The Article was then adopted with three amendments. As the time left was not enough for passing any other Article, the House rose for the day.

The House will meet again on Monday.

NIZAM GREETS NEHRU AT KING KOTHI PALACE

With a cordial hand-shake, the Nizam of Hyderabad welcomes Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the luxurious guest room of the King Kothi Palace at Hyderabad on Christmas Day.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN U.S.?

Henry Wallace Attacks Forrestal

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (Reuter): Mr. Henry Wallace said to-day the American Defence proposals, contained in the annual report of the Secretary for Defence, "would mark a decisive step towards the establishment of military dictatorship in America".

Mr. Wallace said that Mr. James Forrestal, the Secretary for Defence, had asked the American people to abrogate their powers and hand them over to the present military dominated administration—"the most brash and arrogant violation of American tradition since the constitution".

The report disclosed plans for suspending tiny "planets" in space to act as interplanetary military outposts from which supersonic missiles could be fired at any eniemy, and called for "decisive" military aid to Europe. Mr. Forrestal also urged that his own powers be strengthened to speed up unification of American armed services.

CALL TO SHIAS TO SUPPORT NEHRU GOVERNMENT

Sir Sultan Ahmed's Address At All-India Shia Conference

MUZAFFARNAGAR, Dec. 31 (UPI): "The true spirit of Islam which is essentially a religion of peace and expansive brotherhood may with its kindly light lead us on to the goal of unity along the path of understanding", observed Sir Sultan Ahmed in the course of his presidential address at the 35th session of the All-India Shia Conference which began its session at Jansath, Muzaffarnagar today.

Continuing Sir Sultan Ahmed said: "Ours is not a communal political organisation, for we have always been believers in territorial patriotism and had never any reactionary programme to carry through. Besides, we have always taken our place in the scheme of Indian life along with other patriotic organisations without the adventitious aid of any slogan". Sir Sultan appealed to the members of the Shia community to realise their Islamic solidarity, to improve the matter of the country as a whole to serve the cause of peace in the midst of strife.

SEPARATE ELECTORATE ABOLITION

He expressed satisfaction that separate electorate for the Mussalmans was being abolished altogether in the Indian Dominion. Separate electorate, he added, produced greater damages to the country as a whole and stiffled the healthy spirit of competitive enterprise amongst the Mussalmans and stunted liberalism and broad outlook. He criticised the system of reservation of seats for the minorities for some time as provided in the draft constitution and said: "Reservation carries with it as a corollary the maintenance of a communal political organisation and this must be avoided at all costs".

Referring to the celebration of Muharram by the Shias Sir Sultan said: "To misunderstand a Shia's observance of the Kerbala tragedy is to misunderstand his sweetest sorrow and we earnestly plead and hope that the State will no longer tolerate any interference with the commemoration of the Kerbala.

As regards communal question Sir Sultan observed: "Hindus and Muslims were both impatient for independence and in their impatience they divided India to hasten independence. Partition was the price they paid for freedom It has been rather a bad purchase. But the best that now remains to be done is to cultivate a future friendliness.

Continuing he observed that Hindu-Muslim conflict of today was designed to undo the Hindu-Muslim contact of their great past when common people had a common way of life and kings were enjoined to "regard all sects of religion with the single eye of favour".

LINGUA FRANCA OF INDIA

Referring to the national language controversy Sir Sultan Ahmed admitted that Hindi was a noble language and had a great literature. But Hindustani, he said, was evolved by the historic necessities of unity and understanding between Hindus and Muslims and it must be "disastrously prodigal of us to throw away a thing of proved worth, a thing that grew out of the earth of India, wholly and definitely a home product. Nature evolved Hindustani. Why put it down artificalyl?"

Paying his tributes to Mahatma Gandhi Sir Sultan said: "His martyrdom has been mourned the world over with a magnificent reference and heart-felt homage. But mourning must now be translated into a resolve to do his work. That is true loyalty, and that loyalty must be ours".

Sir Sultan appeal to the Education Ministry of the Government of India generally and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad personally to foster comparative culture and presentation of Hindu-Muslim relationship.

On behalf of the Shia community Sir Sultan reaffirmed undivided allegiance to the State and said: "India is our country and with her flag are bound our honour, life and property. To uphold its honour must be our privilege and obligation".

Concluding Sir Sultan Ahmed expressed his firm conviction that in the best interest of their community and country the Nehru Government must be supported to the best of their ability.

COLLECTING BAD VOTES

Allegations Against Two Sind Ministers

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 29: The Special Tribunal appointed to enquire into the alleged irregularities during the last Sind Assembly elections on the petition of Mr. G. M. Sayed requesting setting aside the election of his rival official League candidate, Kazi Mohomed Akbar, a present Parliamentary Secretary, has now called upon Sayed Miran Mohomed Shah, Sind's Revenue Minister, to show cause why his name also should not be reported to the Governor for helping in securing bad votes for the official League candidate.

It will be recalled, the Tribunal formerly had called upon similarly Pir Illahie Bux, the present Sind Premier, and now the turn has come of the Revenue Minister. Both Pir Saheb and Sayed Miran Mohomed Shah have put-in written replies refuting the allegations and citing a number of witnesses in their favour.

Aero-Nautical Workshop In Karachi

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 29: It is understood, an Aero-Nautical Workshop will soon be established in Karachi which will, besides attending to the repairs of the aircrafts, impart training in the line to the citizens.

This factory will be owned by a private limited company and the Pakistan authorities will, besides supervising its activities, subscribe a sum of Rs. 21 lakhs towards its Capital.

FREEDOM TO JAPS TO FLY OWN FLAG IN COUNTRY

TOKYO, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander here announced today that the Japanese would be allowed unrestricted use of their national flag in Japan.

Display of the flag was banned after the war but recently the Japanese were given permission to fly it on specified national holidays.

CONGRESS CAPTURES ALL SEATS

KHANDWA, (C.P.), Dec. 31, (U.P.I.): The Congress has achieved unique success in the Khandwa Municipal general elections by capturing all the twenty-one seats.

Fifteen Congress candidates were elected unopposed. In the remaining six contested constituencies from four different wards, five opponents forfeited their securities.

Police Exonerated

SINGAPORE, Dec. 31, (Reuter). No further action will be taken over the killing by police of 26 Chinese suspcets said to have been shot while trying to escape at Batangkali north of Kuala Lumpur, on December 12 an official statement said today.

The Attorney-General was satisfied after investigation that "the suspects would have escaped if security forces had not opned fire the statement said.

The investigation was ordered after a protest by the Chinese-Consul.

MARWARI CHAMBER TO CHANGE NAME

President Says Government Has Not Yet Accorded Approval

BOMBAY, Dec. 31, (U.P.I.): The Government of Bombay have not yet accorded approval to the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, to change its name to "The Bombay Merchants Chamber."

Disclosing this, Mr. Ramdeo Podar in his presidential address to the annual general meeting of the Chamber today, refuted the suggestions that his association was a communal body.

He said:—

"This is not true, So far our Chamber is concrened as its entrance is open to all the merchants to be its member, be they of any caste or creed. Secondly, the word, "Marwadi" is not communal but a regional one, yet to dispel the misunderstanding about the name of the Chamber it was felt necessary to do away with the word, "Marwadi" from its name. The Chamber applied to the Government of Bombay for their approval but the Government have raised some un-usual objection to it. A representation have been made to the Government in this respect, but so far nothing has been finally decided."

STILL IN ECONOMIC WOODS

Referring to foods problem of India Mr. Podar said: "Enough achievements are to our credit in the political sphere but it is in economic sphere, where we are still in the woods. No more serious problem touching us so closely had probably ever faced us before in such an alarming proportion in our history."

He concluded: "India's need for capital goods, agricultural implements and technical personal is imperative and the U.S.A. is in the best position to supply all these to us. If our Government cannot negotiate with the U.S.A. Government for financial assistance for the remodeling of the existing industries on latest patterns and for the establishment of heavy basic industries in the country then private foreign finance should be welcomed for the time being, as this will prove a helpful factor in the expansion of our industries and will also strengthen the tie of mutual goodwill and connections with America and other foreign countries which is greatly needed for our newly-born independent country."

107 REBEL ELEPHANTS CAPTURED

3,000 Burma Communists Surrender

RANGOON, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Burmese Government troops have captured 107 elephants used by insurgents for transport in the Toungoo district of Central Burma, according to newspaper reports here.

The reports said 3,000 Communists had surrendered in the area, which is one of the main Communist strongholds.

Thakin Than Tun, Secretary General of the Burmese Communist Party, was reported to have fled the area to Pyinmana further north.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well You Know New Year Comes But Once A Year — By BUD FISHER

ALL THESE JEFFS WHERE'D THEY ALL COME FROM?
FROM OUR BOSS' INKWELL!
HE'S SENDING US OUT TO WISH EVERYBODY A-
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
OFFICE OF BUD Fisher
I'M JULIUS, JEFF'S TWIN BROTHER.

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TRADE AND FINANCE

WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FOR WINDOW-DRESSING

Narrow Fluctuations In Bullion Market

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

MONEY

Tight conditions continued to prevail in the money market during the week owing to withdrawal of funds by banks for window-dressing purposes. Interbank call was quoted nominally at ¼ per cent with few lenders. Term money was also in good demand one to two months' money being placeable between 1 and 1 1/4 per cent and three months' upto 1½ per cent. As an evidence of the tight conditions may be noted the sharp rise of Rs. 12.62 crores in Advances and a fall of Rs. 8.56 crores in scheduled banks' balances with the Reserve Bank of India during the weke ended 17th December 1948.

The weekly statements of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 24th December, 1948, reveal several changes consequent upon the return of Government of India currency notes from Pakistan and payment thereagainst The note circulation has declined by Rs 14.65 crores, whilst the total note issue shows a contraction of Rs. 15.79 crores The holding of Gold coin and Bullion is reduced by about Rs 52 lakhs and Sterling Securities Rs. 10.57 crores. Government of India Rupee Securities are also down by Rs. 4.19 crores in the Banking Department, whilst Bankers' balances with the Reserve Bank have dropped by Rs. 4.75 crores owing to year-end requirements, both Government as well as Miscellaneous deposits show a rise of Rs. 3.12 crores and Rs. 1.81 crores Balances held abroad have been reduced further by Rs. 2.91 crores. Miscellaneous loans and advances show a rise of Rs. 4.74 crores due probably to year-end accommodation to some banks. Investments are also up by Rs. 1.47 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India, for the week ended 24th December 1948, reveals a decline of Rs. 3.60 crores in deposits whilst there is a borrowing of Rs. 1 crores for year-end requirements Advances show a rise of Rs. 2.64 crore and the cash holding of the Bank is down by Rs. 97 lakhs.

GILT-EDGED

A holiday atmosphere prevaded the gilt-edged market during the period under report and there was hardly any enquiry to disturb the price trend excepting the 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan, which was a trifle better at Rs. 99-3 at the close on some support. Prices of most other securities remained stationary at previous weeks level.

EXCHANGE

There were no noteworthy features to report in the rupee/sterling exchange market, which continued to rule steady with only moderate business passing. For interbank transactions, sellers of spot T.T. on London quoted 1s 5-31/32d and buyers 1s 6d. Merchants rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of T. T. on London spot 1s. 5-31/32d
Sellers of T. T. on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d
Buyers of T. T. on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/16d

The sterling/dollar cross-rate in New York kept around dol. 4.03 for spot and dol. 4.02 for forward.

GOLD

In the absence of forward trading in the bull on market, fluctuations were few and small. Owing to some demand for spot, the quotation for ready remained steady throughout. From Rs. 112-5 at the opening, the quotation moved down to Rs. 111-12 early in the week, but thereafter improved by stages to Rs. 112-12 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 112-9 The price of sovereign remained stabilised at Rs. 73-4 during the week. Stocks of gold are reported to be in the vicinity of 60,000 tolas. Average daily arrivals were estimated at 4,000 tolas and the offtake at 5,000 tolas. The highest and lowest ready rates were Rs. 112-12 and Rs. 111-12.

SILVER

In contrast to gold the silver section was characterised by a slight ease owing to some selling in spot. From Rs. 179-8 at the opening the quotation for spot silver .999 fine declined gradually to Rs. 177 on Tuesday and was quoted around Rs. 177-6 at the close. Floating stocks of silver in the market are reported to be about 5,000 bars and the average daily offtake at about 20 bars. In the overseas markets, both the New York and the London silver quotations kept stationary at 70 cents and 42½d. throughout The highest and lowest ready rates were Rs. 179-8 and Rs. 177.

SHARES

The local share market will reopen for trading on Monday, the 3rd January 1949, after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

CALCUTTA

The jute section of the Calcutta share market ruled quitely steady during the period under report and only a moderate turnover was reported.

BRITISH PLASTICS MACHINERY FOR INDIA

New Factory To Be Set Up At Bangalore

New machinery and other equipment worth £60,000 (Rs. 8 lakhs) have been completed by a factory in South-East England for shipment to Bangalore, where a plastics manufacturing factory is shortly to be set up.

The finished machinery, which consists of 18 extruders (the machines used in the commercial production of extruded plastics products) and other allied equipment, was specially designed in one of Britain's most up-to-date plastics factories at Upper Basildon, in Berkshire.

Two young Bangalore scientists Mr. H. S. Viswesvaran and Mr. P. S. Srinivasa Mudaliar, who will help in the erection of the plant, have now returned to India after completing a three-month training period at the Berkshire factory. Their original intention was to study telecommunications in Britain, but they spent the last three months as ordinary workers in the British plastics factory, learning their new craft.

While in Britain they received high praise from the works manager at the Berkshire factory who, with the chief designer, was largely responsible for the designing of the machinery on the basis of their past experience in extrusion technique at Upper Basildon.

When the plant arrives at Bangalore and is ready to be installed, three experts from the British factory will supervise the work. They are Mr. E. T. Gardner, Mr. Arthur Pelling and Mr. R. Speiman, who are tool room foreman, extruder shop-foreman, and laboratory technician respectively.

The plant consists of four three-inch, six two-inch and eight one-and-a-quarter-inch extruders, with wire covering and cable equipment, conveyor and take-off mechanisms, extruder dies and nozzles—in fact, complete equipment for a factory, down to the smallest detail.

India Notes In Pakistan

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 29: The Government of Pakistan have now extended the date of exchange of 'India' notes of all denominations till 31st March 1949 all over Pakistan. One rupee notes will, however, be exchangable till 31st January 1949.

It will be recalled, 'India' notes ceased to be "legal tender" in Pakistan after 30th Sept. '48 and in order to enable the people to have their 'India' notes exchanged, the State Bank of Pakistan was authorised to do so till 31st Dec. '48 but this date has since been extended.

Besides the 'India' notes inscribed with the words "Government of Pakistan" which were in circulation side by side with the 'India' notes, new notes of the Pakistan Government over the signature of its Finance Minister Mr. Ghulam Mohomed have since been put into circulation.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.

Previous Closing	32.30
Today's Opening	32.29
Difference	—1
Today's Closing	32.33
Difference	+3

The New York Cotton Market will remain closed on Saturday, 1st January.

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Bullion Ready	178	12
Gold Ready	112	12
Sovereign	73	8
Expectation:		
Cotton Jarila May	616	12

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.

New York Stock Exchange Opening Prices:

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted. General Motors 58-7/8. United States Steel Common 70-1/4. United States Steel Preference 134.

SECOND SESAMUM FORECAST

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31.

According to the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, the second forecast of sesamum for the Indian Union including Hyderabad State for 1948-49 puts the area sown at 2,055,000 acres as against 2,353,000 acres for 1947-48 being a decrease of 12.7 per cent.

The decrease in acreage has occurred mainly in Saurashtra, Hyderabad and the United Provinces.

This forecast generally covers the period upto the end of September or beginning of October, 1948 and till then the condition of the crop was reported to be satisfactory on the whole.

FATE OF CLOTH RATIONING

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30.

It is reliably learnt from cotton textile trade circles of Ahmedabad that the scheme of cloth rationing has collapsed in Ahmedabad and Bombay Province.

According to a prominent figure in the local cloth Mahajan, cloth rationing in Ahmedabad and Bombay Province will not last more than two months.

C. P. HALVES PETROL RATIONS

NAGPUR, Dec. 31. (U.P.I.): The basic petrol ration for the owners of private cars and motor cycles in the Central Provinces and Berar has been halves from to-morrow, 1st January 1949, says a Press Note issued by the Provincial Government.

Similarly, petrol to all forms of transport will be made available at the rates obtaining in the months of August and September, 1948, as a temporary measure and any increase in the ration will not be possible so long as the petrol shortage continues, adds the Press Note.

SRINAGAR, Dec 31 (U.P.I.): The Jammu and Kashmir Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 3.30.000 for the relief of the flood-stricken people.

RUN 'VARSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE ON U.K. MODEL

Madras Conference's Appeal To India Government

MADRAS, Dec. 31. (A.P.I.): The Sixth Quinquennial Inter-Universities Conference which concluded its three day session here to-day passed a resolution urging the Government of India to reconstitute the University Grants Committee on the model of that of the United Kingdom with a full-time chairman.

The University Grants Committee, the resolution said, should have an adequate secretariat of its own for the expeditious disposal of applications for grants from Universities, and it should be empowered to disburse grants without the need for further reference to any department of the Government. The principles of the grants-in-aid, the resolution added, should not be applied to Universities.

The Conference by another resolution said that the universities may introduce in the B.A., degree course general principles of law, or legislation or constitution, as optional or elective subjects. It also suggested that a uniform nomenclature be adopted in all universities for the degree in law viz. LL.B., LL.M., LL.D., instead of B.L., M.L., and D.L., respectively.

Dr. A. Lakshmanaswamy Mudaliar, Chairman of the Conference in his concluding remarks said that it was most necessary that everyone of them should take an active interest in matters pertaining to University education and that they should not hesitate to give their free and unbiassed opinion to the authorities concerned. The future of the Universities was indissolubly connected with the strengthening of the inter-university board. To strengthen the Inter-University Board would be both directly and indirectly strengthening their own Universities, he emphasised.

MADHYA BHARAT RAILWAYMEN DECIDE ON STRIKE BALLOT

GWALIOR, Dec. 28. The Executive Committee of the Scindia State Railwaymen's Union have decided to conduct a strike ballot, to be completed before 15th Jan., so as to communicate the results to the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, before 20th Jan. 1949, to which it is affiliated. The decision is taken in view of the fact that no response has so far been received to the workers' demands submitted much earlier to the Madhya Bharat Government, which, it is alleged, instead of granting relief to workers, hold out prospects of retrenchment.

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

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ing made to receive its primary education is a scandal of which this city must be thoroughly ashamed. The Schools Committee holds the overwhelming majority of its 400 and odd schools in rented buildings most of which are unsuited for this purpose. The Committee spends annually some thing like 4 lakhs of rupees on payments to landlords whose premises are being used for this purpose. Surely it should not be difficult to devise a plan for constructing school buildings that will not only give better accommodation but will also improve the general administration of schools by enabling to bring schools of different languages in the same locality under the same roof. A little thought to the subject would show that even within the present amount, which is being used from year to year on rent, it should be possible to make a start for school building by raising a loan for the purpose the interest charges for which can be defrayed from this annual part of the Schools Committee budget. Better built and more spacious buildings will not only help young children to receive their education in more healthy surroundings, it will also add to the general efficiency of primary education in this city which at present, as we all know, is not very high. In fact a proper scheme would also reduce the number of smaller schools and even with half the present number of schools it would be possible to accommodate the growing number of children of school going age, thousands of whom are at present left to rot in the streets. That is the object of the proposal now brought up before the House and it deserves not only careful consideration but also early acceptance and implementation. Let us hope the city fathers will accept the proposal. At any rate that will be a good beginning for the New Year we have entered upon.

Jairamdas To Tour Ahmedabad With Experts

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD Dec. 30

Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister to the Government of India, who is to tour famine-stricken areas of Ahmedabad District, from the 10th of January, will be accompanied by Central Government's experts who will study ways and means to supply water by scientific methods to Bhal areas where water is being rationed at present.

Several schemes in this connection are going on in official and non-official quarters.

Aerodrome For Mangalore?

TRICHY, Dec. 30. (API): It is learnt here that Mangalore on the West Coast of India will shortly have an aerodrome if the Standing Finance Committee of the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) sanctions the necessary expenditure for this purpose. The site for the aerodrome, it is learnt, has already been chosen and estimates prepared by Mr. M. S. Mathur, Chief Engineer to the Government of India, now on a tour of South India in connection with the development of aerodromes in this part of India. Mr. Mathur will shortly inspect the site.

The Trichy aerodrome is also to be developed further, according to Mr. Mathur.

Cut Out R & Keep

RENEWAL OF KEROSENE CARDS

The work of renewing the current kerosene oil ration cards for heating and lighting purposes in Greater Bombay viz. K(H) cards and Permits and K(L) cards and K(L) business cards will begin from 2nd January 1949 till 31st January 1949, at various central shops.

For the convenience of the cardholders some centrally located shops in each area have been selected for this purpose. Cards registered at the central shops as well as such other shops attached to the central shop will be renewed at the central shop. A list showing the central shops and the shops attached to the central shops is published below. All the kerosene cardholders are, therefore, requested to get their cards renewed at the central shops before they go for obtaining their kerosene quota for the month of January 1949, as NO KEROSENE OIL WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE DRAWN ON UNRENEWED CARDS.

The hours of renewal at the central kerosene oil shops will be from 8-30 A.M. to 11-30 A.M. and 2-30 P.M. to 5-30 P.M.

N.B.:—At those central shops which will be observing Sunday, January 2, 1949, as a holiday, the renewal work will commence from Monday, January 3.

LIST OF SHOPS.

Ward	Central Shop No. and Address	Shop attached to the Central Shop.
A	D/61 M/s. J. B. Mistry, Bazargate Street, Bombay.	K(H)/3 and K(H)/4.
A	D/62 M/s. J. B. Mistry, Khusroobaug. Colaba	K(H)/1.
A	D/12, Mr. Mahamed Ali Noor-Mahamed, Thomas Street, Colaba.	K(H)/2 and K(H)/5.
B	K(H)/8 Mr. Abdul Veljee Alli, Ramzan Building, Nishanpada, Bombay 9.	D/18
B	D/31, Mr. Maganlal Ramdas, 232, Chakla Street, Bombay 3.	K(H)/6 and K(H)/12.
B	D/70, M/s. Patel & Co., 92, Bhajipala Lane, Mahamadali Road.	D/70
B	D/45, Mr. S. J. Rajpal, 26, Essaji Street, Mandvi.	D/45
B	K(H)/7, Mr. Khimji Kanji, Nowrojee Hill Road, No. 1, Dongri.	D/86, K(H)/11 and K(H)/13.
C	D/2, M/s. A. A. Rajkotwala, Phoolgalli, Bhendibazar,	D/2
C	D/4. Mr. Hiralal Shamjee, New Hanumangalli, Hirjee Sopan Building, Kalbadevi.	D/30 and D/34.
C	D/15. Mr. Mulchand Ramdayal, 50/41, Khetwadi Main Road, Sindhi Galli.	D/26.
C	D/25. M/s. Adamjee Lokmanjee (Petroleum) Ltd. Bapukhote Street, Nal-Bazar.	D/25.
C	D/27. Mr. Chajuram Sohanpal, 1st Kumbharwada Lane	D/28 and K(H)/14.
C	D/29. Mr. Khermal Manehram, 99, Dhanjee Street, Parsee Galli, Bombay 2.	K(H)/18.
C	D/36/85. Chajuram Ramjilal, Near Banian Tree, Kalbadevi Road.	D/47.
C	D/67. M/s. A. A. Dharamsi & Co., 636, Dhobi Talao.	D/13, K(H)/16 and K(H)/76.
C	D/68/69. Mr. Rahimbhai Gulam Husen, Opp. Nul Bazar, Police Chowki.	D/68/69.
C	D/56. Mr. Chattarmal Gopalshi, Thakurdwar Road, 2nd Khattai Lane.	K(H)/15 and K(H)/17.
C	D/32. Mr. Prabhashankar Maganlal, 88, Dadyseth Agiary Lane.	D/32.
D	D/66, M/s. J. B. Mistry, Vithalbhai Patel Road.	D/66.
D	D/16. M/s. Viswanath Bihari, Kandewadi Lane.	D/17 and K(H)/27.
D	D/82. Mr. Ramnarayan Gangari, Savitree Mansion, Mugbhat Lane, Girgaum.	K(H)/20.
D	K(H)/10. M/s. Gover Jetha, Sandhurst Road.	K(H)/23
D	K(H)/28. M/s. Nagshi Chapshi, Opera House, Bombay 9.	D/83 and K(H)/26.
D	K(H)/24. M/s. Ghelabhai Hansraj, Malabar Hill, Ridge Road, Bombay.	K(H)/24.
D	D/65. M/s. J. B. Mistry, Nana Chowk, Gowalia Tank Road.	D/65.
D	D/64. M/s. J. B. Mistry, Tardeo.	D/64.
D	D/35. M/s. Rameshwar Ramdayal, Tardeo Tram Terminus.	K(H)/22.
D	D/46. M/s. S. J. Rajpal & Co., Nana Chowk, Tardeo.	D/6 and K(H)/19.
D	K(H)/25. M/s. Kershi Daya, Harichandra Road, Gamdevi.	D/103 and K(H)/21.
E(EAST)	D/87. Mr. Ibrahim Jaffar, Mhatarpakhadi, Mazagaon.	D/8, D/52 and K(H)/39.
"	D/106. Mr. Shamji Korshi, Dhakoo Prabhuwadi, Ghorupdeo Road.	K(H)/42 and K(H)/43.
"	K(H)/38. Mr. Nagji Nurji, St. Mary Road.	K(H)/40.
"	D/115. Mr. Nanji Hirji Rathod, Delima Street, Mazagaon.	D/115.
"	D/10. M/s. A. A. Rajkotwala, Opp. Goods Yard, Parel Road, Byculla. D	D/10.
E(WEST)	D/73. Mr. Chagan Mitha, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Byculla.	K(H)/30.
"	D/114 M/s. M. J. Gangan & Co., Tank Pakadi Street, Byculla.	D/19, K(H)/33 and D/113.
"	D/107. Mr. Mohamad Siddik Abdul Rahim Stable Street, Kamathipura, 5th Lane.	K(H)/31.
"	D/101 Mr. Pacham Barai, Kamathipura 8th Lane, Municipal Market No. 5.	K(H)/36.
"	D/100. Mr. Jagannath Govardhan, No. 28, Near Foras Road, Opp. Municipal Workshop	D/102, K(H)/34 and K(H)/35
"	D/63. M/s. J. B. Mistry, Pl[illegible]y House, Grant Road.	D/14.
F(NORTH)	D/104, Mr. Mohanlal J. Mehta, 37, Sion Road, Behind Sion P.O.	K(H)/54.
"	D/22. Mr. Pranjivan Jagannath, King's Circle, Matunga.	K(H)/49.
"	D/110. Mr. Ramkuvar Shridatta Pande, Mahavir Bld., Bhandarkar Road, Matunga.	K(H)/50.
"	D/75. M/s. J. G. Bhatt, Irani Bldg., Vincent Road, Dadar.	K(H)/48.
"	K(H)/44. Mr. Raishi Ukeda, Parel, Bhoiwada Municipal Chawl, 242 Sh. No. 9.	K(H)/52.
"	K(H)/47. Mr. Khimji Korshi, Jagdish Bhuvan, Katrak Road, Vadala.	K(H)/46 and K(H)/51.
F(SOUTH)	D/24. M/s. Adamji Lokmanji (Petroleum) Ltd., Kala Chowki, Parel.	D/24.
"	K(H)/57. Mr. Ramji Narshi, Govt. Gate Road, Lalbaug.	K(H)/55 and K(H)/59.
"	D/72. Mr. Chagan Mitha & Co., Aimai Merwanji Road, Opp. Haji Batchubhai Eye Hospital, Parel, Bombay.	K(H)/45, K(H)/53 and K(H)/56.
G(NORTH)	D/74, Mr. L. S. Vaze, Opp. Plaza Cinema, Lady Jamsetjee Road, Dadar.	D/74.
"	D/43. M/s. H. Narayandas & Co., Lady Jamsetjee Road, Opp. Plaza Cinema.	D/43.
"	D/21. Mr. Brijlal Vasudeo, Lady Jamsetjee Road, Opp. Police Chowki.	D/21.
"	D/53. Mr. Ramkumar Umadatta Tiwari, Lady Jamsetjee Road, Near Maruti Mandir.	D/53.
"	D/23. Mr. Hariharsingh Devi, Dharavi Bazar, Dharavi.	D/23.
"	D/105. M/s. J. B. Bhatt & Co., Lady Hardinge Road, Matunga.	D/117 and SPL/4.
"	D/108. Mr. Ramnarayan Umadatta Tiwari, Fida Mansion No. 12, Agar Bazar, Dadar.	K(H)/60 and K(H)/63
"	D/116. Mr. Janmuhamad Manji, Vanjawadi, Mahim.	K(H)70
"	K(H)/62. Mr. Naranji Narshi, Dadabhai Chawl. DeLisle Road.	K(H)/62.
"	K(H)/96. Mr. Shamji Shivji, Mahimkar Mansion, Gokhale Road (South), Dadar.	K(H)/64 and K(H)/65.
G(SOUTH)	D/20. Mr. Basantjlal Gajadhar, Sun Mill Lane, Lower Parel.	K(H)/72 and K(H)/74.
"	D/44. M/s. Narayandas & Co., DeLisle Road, Singaporewala Chawl.	K(H)/75.
"	K(H)/71. Mr. Govar Pancharia, Chinchpokli Corner, Arthur Road.	K(H)/73.
"	D/109. Mr. Binda Hansraj, Worli Koliwada.	D/109.
"	SPL/3. Government Peons' Aikyavardhak Sangh, B.D.D. Chawl, Worli, Bombay.	SPL/3.
BANDRA-JUHU.	D/201. M/s. Shantilal Chaturbhuj & Co., Hill Road, Bandra.	D/207 and D/206.
"	D/226. M/s. J. G. Bhatt & Co., Khar (J.B. Road)	D/226.
"	D/235. M/s. Shantilal Chaturbhuj & Co., Danda Village	D/235.
"	D/246. M/s. Shantilal Chaturbhuj & Co., Pali Village Naka, Bandra.	D/246.
"	D/214. M/s. T. W. Patel & Co., Gandhiji Road, Santa-Cruz.	D/214
	D/247. M/s. T. W. Patel & Co., Vakola, Santa-Cruz.	D/247.
	BSD/SPL/2 Juhu Tara Sahakari Co-operative Society, Juhu-Tara.	BSD/SPL/2.
	D/242 Mr. C. K. Patel, C/o. J. U. Jekkal, Banoo Cottage, Juhu.	D/242
PARLE-ANDHERI	D/224 Mr. Kurbanalli Gangaji . Tejpal Rd., Vile-Parle (East).	D/243
"	D/223 Mr. Kurbanalli Gangaji, Vallabhbhai Road, Vile Parle (West).	D/236 and D/216.
"	D/209. Mr. Kurbanalli Gangaji, Kurla Rd., Andheri.	D/209.
"	D/225. Mr. Shamji Deoji, Versova Rd., Andheri.	D/237.
"	D/227. Mr. Kurbanalli Gangaji, Marol.	D/237.
"	D/219. Mr. Datta Dhondu, Pilankar, Versova.	D/222 and D/251.
"	250. M/s. T. W. Patel & Co., Nehru Road, Santa-Cruz.	D/250.
KURLA	D/208. Mr. Husen Sherif Kurlawala, Opp. Kurla Station, Kurla.	D/213.
"	D/245. M/s. A. Hira Manik & Co., near Swadeshi Mill, Kurla.	D/245.
"	D/215. Mr. A. A. Rajkotwala, Pipe Road, Kurla.	D/215.
"	D/240. Mr. A. A. Rajkotwala, Andheri Rd.	D/239.
"	D/218, Mr. Jiwa Rajabhai Chembur Market.	D/231.
"	D/233, Mr. Jiva Rajabhai Mahul.	D/233.
"	D/234, Mr. Jiva Rajabhai Mankhurd.	D/234.
"	SPL/1. The Sarkarkun, Trombay.	SPL/1.
GHATKOPAR.	D/204. M/s. Ghatkopar Motor Stores, Bombay-Agra Road, Ghatkopar.	D/220.
"	D/211. Mr. Manohardas Gopalji, Cama Road, Ghatkopar.	D/211.
"	D/205. M/s. Ghatkopar Motor Stores, Haveli Road, Ghatkopar.	D/205

U. S. TRAINS MIDDLE EAST AND ASIAN TECHNICIANS

India's Representatives Study Sampling Techniques And Census Methods

Middle Eastern and Asian countries have sent approximately 50 technicians to the United States Census Bureau for training during the 1947-1948 fiscal year.

The countries represented in this group are India, Pakistan, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, and Turkey.

Census officials said a total of 200 trainees and visitors from 55 countries had observed its operations during the past year.

Dr. Calvert L. Dedrick, coordinator of international statistics said the technicians and visitors spend from a few days or weeks to a year or more with the Bureau.

Prior to beginning training, a technician or trainee is given a short orientation course and a plan of study is mapped to fit his needs and objectives.

Among India's representatives, several have conducted research in the study of sampling techniques and other American census methods.

Sampling is described as a scientific method of obtaining reliable information on a given subject without making a complete and exhaustive investigation. It is less expensive and can be more quickly completed than an overall survey.

Representatives from Pakistan and Egypt have studied census methods and procedures; Palestine's trainees studied machine tabulation; Iraq's representatives received training in methods applied in vital statistics.

Training and technical assistance offered by the Bureau includes census organization and administration; census methodology; demographic statistics; population problems, economic censuses and basic statistical concepts.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The Bureau is in close touch with more than 150 statistical organizations in the United States and other countries and is able to offer a visiting trainee a variety of international statistical information.

The Bureau of Census collects and publishes data on the activities and characteristics of the people of the United States in the fields of population, housing agriculture manufactures business mineral industries state and local governments foreign trade and other subjects. From information thus obtained a factual record of conditions in the United States can be constructed.

FIRST U.S. CENSUS

The first census of population was taken in 1790, and has continued every 10 years. Special censuses may be made at the request of local communities, and the Bureau prepares population estimates to provide current information on employment, unemployment, migration and other subjects.

Other functions of the Bureau include a census in agriculture every five years. The information taken for each farm includes tenure total acreage farm employment and facilities. Every 10 years censuses of irrigation and drainage enterprises are taken. Statistics on the amount of cotton ginned are issued currently.

Census officials said they were gratified to note an increasing amount of statistical information received from the Middle East. Among reports received is information on finance agriculture economics and population.—USIS.

Theory And Practice

ERLANGEN, BAVARIA—A Bavarian high school professor committed suicide here a few weeks after the publication of his latest book, "A Treatise on Suicide."

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Business MAN'S DIARY

RECORD FOOD PRODUCTION DRIVE.

Adarsh Seva Sangha, Pohri, Gwalior, can be proud of turning food deficit areas into surplus. The comparative statement of progress of food production at Deori centre comprising of 7 villages provides an example to be copied. This unit had population of 1,117 souls in 1938/39 producing 40.90 mds. The Sangha by organised, systematic and intensive effort, during the past 9 years has increased the production to 8,138 mds. This unit has not only become self-sufficient in it's food requirements but it can also lay claim to being a surplus area by 1,481 mds. The total income of this unit which was Rs. 13,211 in 1938/39 has increased to Rs. 1,34,673 in 1947/48. This is a remarkable record of improving the economic standard of the people.

SCARCITY OF COTTON.

There is great scarcity of cotton in this country and our prices being cheaper than those of foreign cotton, both local and upcountry mills remain keen buyers in all upcountry markets. Some mills are reported to be buying even seed cotton (Kapas) for which no ceiling prices are fixed. It appears that arrivals of cotton from upcountry will be very small as most of the new crop will directly reach mills. It is a problem of great importance and unless the area under cotton cultivation is increased, we will have to depend upon imports from foreign countries which will need supply of large amount of exchange.

INDIAN JUTE NEWS.

Indian Jute News issued from Calcutta gives a regular review of affairs of the Indian jute industry and trade. The first number shows importance of jute exports as they provide to some extent the need of dollars. Our dollar earnings run at present at the rate of 4 to 5 million. The most important dollar earner we have got is jute goods. This journal is devoted to providing wider understanding of the industry's progress and problems.

WAGONS LOADED.

The movement of wagons gives an idea of internal trade of a country. The office of the Economic Adviser issues those figures for a ten day period. During the first ten days of November the total number of wagons loaded stood at 13,495 against 13,749 in the preceding ten days. During the first 10 days of November 1947 the total number of wagons loaded was 12,408 which shows that there is increased activity. The total tonnage average per day is stated to be 196,923 against 205,204 tons during 21st Oct. to 31st Oct. 1948. Average daily earnings are estimated at Rs. 52.2 lakhs against Rs. 50.5 lakhs in the preceding 10 days.

POSTAL EARNINGS.

The total Postage earnings for the month of October amounted to Rs. 2,35,36,000 against Rs. 2,48,74,000 in September and Rs. 1,83,50,000 in October 1947. There is a steady increase in earnings in the current year but the small decrease for the month of October as compared with the previous month was due to smaller sales of stamps.

REASSURING OUTLOOK FOR INDUSTRIES

M. J. Vaidya Welcomes Mody's Views

Mr. Murarji J. Vaidya, Vice-President All-India Manufacturers' Organization in the course of a statement welcoming Sir Homi Mody's views expressed at the Annual General Meeting of the Employers' Federation, held in Bombay early this week says:

Mr. Mody has struck the right note when he exhorts Indian Industrialists and businessmen to take a more hopeful view of things. The recent utterances of responsible Ministers and of the largest political party in the country decnitely justify a more reassuring outlook for industries in the immediate future.

Unfortunately however, the Stock Exchanges and the Investors in the country have not so far taken the same hopeful view of things to come. I would therefore appeal to those connected with the stock exchanges in the country and to the investors to share the optimistic outlook of the President of the Employers' Federation and to come out boldly with their resources for investment in sound industrial concerns. Unless the Investors and the Stock Exchanges adopt this attitude, it is not possible for industrialists alone to expand their existing concerns or launch new enterprises. I can definitely say that Industrialists are neither lacking in enterprise nor in initiative, but they cannot translate their enterprise and initiative into action unless and until they have the active support of the investing public and of those who canalize these investments through the stock exchanges.

Permission Necessary For Issue Of Bearer Bonds

The Government of India have issued a notification on January 1, 1949, under Section 15 of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947, prohibiting the issue of any bearer security or coupon without the permission of the Reserve Bank. The issue of promissory notes payable to bearer, except by the Reserve Bank, is already banned under Section 31(2) of the Reserve Bank of India Act.

LONDON PEPPER PRICES.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

The pepper market was weaker in London today with Singapore asking 3/6-1/2 for black while buyers were stipulating 3/5-1/2. White was quoted at 3/10 sellers.

Concerning Malabar, the market was interested in only January-March which was quoted at 295 on UK basis.

NEED TO REVISE COTTON CONTROL

Ceiling Prices Unworkable In Practice

"The economic condition to which the country is being driven, appears to me to be completely pathetic and helpless." observed Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, President East India Cotton Association Ltd., at the 27th annual general meeting of the association held on Thursday afternoon.

Sir Purshotamdas said:—

A remarkable activity of your Board during the year has been their successful resistance to the efforts of the Raw Cotton Commission of Great Britain to treat cotton imports from India into U.K. on a different footing than imports from other countries.

This struck your Board as such a humiliating condition for India that they promptly lodged their emphatic and unambiguous protest.

Thanks to the firm and uncompromising attitude of the Commerce Ministry, we received a cable dated 8th November saying that the Raw Cotton Commission have agreed to omit this objectionable condition.

There is one further point regarding insurance in this connection which is under discussion and I am hoping that with the nationalistic outlook of our Ministry this point also will be satisfactorily settled.

I wish to make my acknowledgments to the Hon'ble Home and Finance Ministers of the Government of Bombay under whose vigilant eye this Association has been working. We have not always been in agreement on every point but the views submitted by your Board have always received careful attention of the Government. One may be inclined to say that if this is the sort of Government control on commercial bodies, one need not be nervous about it. The Hon'ble Ministers have always been open to receive suggestions and ready to give their guidance.

PROTEST CONTINUES

The Government of India having decided in July last to reimpose control on cloth, reinstated control on cotton. Your Board completely differed from the Government in this policy, and I am afraid they cannot still see how the Government feel justified in persisting in their policy of control on textiles on the lines and principles announced so far. Our protest regarding the Government's policy in this connection continue and whatever may be said by any Hon'ble Minister at the Centre or by any Hon'ble Member in the Central Legislature I cannot help feeling that if they took trouble to go into the question with more attention and with better concentration they would find that someone is misleading them.

As an instance, the ceiling price of Surat 7/8" is Rs. 715/-. This cotton serves nearly the same purpose as Sind N.T. the Government of India and Indian mills are making frantic efforts to secure Sind N.T. at Rs. 980/- to 990/- from Pakistan, and have reduced the export duty on cloth to Pakistan for this purpose, and offered cloth to Pakistan at controlled prices. This discrepancy — a depressed ceiling price in India and much higher price for similar cotton from abroad where there is no ceiling price, — can be noticed in the case of several varieties of cotton. It was unambiguously pointed out to Government at the time the control was imposed that ceiling prices of Indian cotton, if any, should bear a fair relation to the price of cotton to be imported from abroad especially Pakistan.

But Government refused to consider this obvious reasoning and its practical implication and have foisted on the grower of cotton and the trade a ceiling price which has now failed in practice. The ceiling prices are so unworkable in practice that many mills are scrambling for kapas and cotton upcountry at prices well over Rs. 50/-; over the ceiling and those mills which are less resourceful or more scrupulous, threaten to close down for want of cotton.

BREEDING BLACK MARKETS

A Government policy which is open to this, is certainly a fertile breeding ground for black marketing and corruption. To make frantic efforts to depress the price of Indian cotton and to send Cotton Buying Missions abroad for buying foreign cottons at relatively much higher prices, is an absurdity of which, one thought, at least our Nationalist Government was not capable. As I said before, Government have been very badly advised, and it is still not too late to revise the cotton control. The fact that many mills are able to pay such prices for cotton above the ceiling suggests that it would be possible to materially revise or even abolish the ceiling prices of Indian cotton without appreciably affecting the price of cloth.

MILLS BUY KAPAS

There is one serious aspect of the policy of control of cotton as put forward and executed which I would be failing in my duty if I did not refer to very clearly. It is now admitted that most of the mills are buying upcountry not in the form of cotton but in the form of kapas and they are reported to be paying for the kapas anything at least Rs. 40/- to 50/- higher than the equivalent of ceiling prices. Does this not prove that they can afford to pay higher prices? And if they are to be prevented from paying these prices are they to be given licence to profiteer at the expense of the grower?

SPECIAL VARIETIES

Another serious point is that in several provinces, a good deal of useful work has been done by way of growing special varieties and buying back the seed for purposes of multiplication. In one case, the Indian Central Cotton Committee has been asked to sanction a substantial sum exceeding half a lac of rupees in order to get the seed of this kapas at rates higher than current market rates if this Committee is not enabled by Government to take back the seed, I understand that grave apprehension is entertained that there will be no selected seed available next year. This apprehension is all the greater as the present ceiling prices for cotton unfortunately encourage mixing of desi with lints of other longer staple. This is the result of short staple cotton being allowed to be exported and fetching comparatively a higher price than the controlled price of staple varieties. However may this thing be looked at, the fact remains that the unnatural control is leading Government to complications which may seriously affect the work of improvement of seed which has been going on for the last 25 years. I do not know how the Agricultural Department at the Centre view this, but unfortunately it has so far been falling in a line with the other Departments of the Government regarding control of raw cotton.

ILL-CONCEIVED CONTROL

I have carefully perused the speech of the Hon'ble the Finance Minister at Calcutta recently, and whilst I appreciate his desire now to put a little hope and life in the investing public, I venture to ask whether the efforts in vogue at present to ensure a forced low return for the cotton grower, can be said to be helpful in this direction. It is being overlooked that in India since 1945, we have been eating into our carry-forward of cotton stocks and we have now come to a point where there is comparatively little of this carry-forward to depend upon. This prospect with the low rates which are being forced on the cotton grower cannot be a pleasing one even for the textile interests. The economic condition to which the country is being driven, appears to me to be completely pathetic and helpless. Large quantities of foodgrains have to be imported. Increasing quantity of cotton is being imported this year. Unless there is larger acreage of cotton in India for the next year, cotton may have to be imported next year in increasing volume. Apart from where foreign exchange is coming for these requirements I fear that the conversion of India from an exporting country to a country importing on such a scale can be said to be an effect of the ill-conceived control policy which will leave its mark on India's economic structure for many years to come.

New York Pepper Prices

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

Black pepper futures closed inactive and nominally 200 points lower. The markdown in quotations followed easiness in the spot and shipment markets which reflected lower Indian cables and pause in consumer interest.

Spot brokers reported lack of grinder or other consumer interest as traders prepared for the New Year's holiday.

In the shipment market Indian offerings for March shipment were reported at 48-1/2 cents per pound, c.and-f, (re-sellers) which marked a decline of 3-1/2 cents from the previous figure.

Closing prices included:

January 72; March 56; May 48.50; July 47; October 44.25; December 43.

In the spot market, black was quoted at 74 cents and white pepper at 79 cents nom.

City Markets

SHARE BAZAR

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was officially closed to-day. In private however, trading was restricted and the nominal quotations were as under:—

Tata Steel Defd.	1691	4	0
Tata Steel Ord.	316	0	0
Bengal Steel	22	8	0
Indian Iron	25	12	0
Bombay Dyeing	1012	8	0
Kohinoor	294	0	0

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

It being a Bank holiday business in the Bullion market was restricted and prices were steady with limited offerings. Quotations were as under:—

Later on there was moderate offerings in Gold and prices registered small decline Quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	177	8	0
Ready Gold	112	10	0
Sovereign	73	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

The local cotton market was firm today on active buying and Short covering. It appears that in view of comparatively low price of Indian cotton sellers are not anxious and mills are buying freely in upcountry markets:—

At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 614/- and quickly advanced at Rs. 617/- on increased professional buying and short covering. At the rise there was scattered realising and the market steadied at Rs. 616/8

The market closed at 2 p.m. as under:—

	RS.
I.C.C. February	620
I.C.C. May	616 12 0
I.C.C. July	617 4 0
I.C.C. September	617 8 0

Today's main fluctuations:—

Feb. 620.

May 614; 617; 616 3/4.

July 615; 617 1/2; 617 1/4.

September 615 1/4; 618; 617 1/2.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton February contract is 840 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 30.

Feb. Highest 620: Lowest 620: Closing at 3-30 p.m. 620.

May Highest 614-3/4: Lowest 614: Closing at 3-30 p.m. 614-1/4.

July Highest 616: Lowest 615; Closing at 3-30 p.m. 615-1/4.

Sept. Highest 616: Lowest 615: Closing at 3-30 p.m. 615-1/2.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 30

KARNAK Jan.	90.00—265
KARNAK Mar	87.75—255
ASIMOUNI Feb.	57.04—176
ASHMOUNI Apr.	56.90—175

HOLIDAY IN AMERICAN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

On December 31st American markets close at noon, while on January 1st all the principal world market will be closed.

SCATTERED HEDGES AND LIQUIDATION IN N.Y. COTTON

Wall Street Market Closes Barely Steady

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. finished around the day's worst levels.

COTTON: The market was featured early by commission house demand and shortcovering in newcrops stimulated by the unchanged mid-December parity price which surprised traders as a 13 to 25 point decline was anticipated. Latterly prices sagged modestly under the leadership of nearbys on scattered hedges and liquidation. In the afternoon prices drifted lower on scattered hedges and New Orleans selling which encountered indifferent trade demand. Disappointment over the failure of earlier commission house buying to broaden, absence of foreign fixations which were recently the main supporting factor and inclination to even up commitments prior to the year-end were additional influences. The market closed barely steady with sales estimated at 100,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS

New York, Dec. 30.

March	32.30—06
March Highest	32.40+04
March Lowest	32.25—11
May	32.07—11
July	31.08—12
October	28.56+02
December	28.38+01
Middling Spot	32.98—06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS

New York, Dec. 30.

March	32.29—02
May	32.09—05
July	31.09—10
October	28.59—09
Middling Spot	32.00—06

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS: In moderate activity gains ranging to one point were liberally distributed led by selected minings, oils, rubber, utilities, motors, chemicals, steels, rails and rail-equipments. A note of caution was introduced into the trading, however, on congressional uncertainties and the threatened New York city tugboat strike after midnight on Friday which would seriously affect international shipping in the harbour. The averages were Industrials 178.50 and rails 58.57.

Buyers lost some enthusiasm in the afternoon and profittaking produced a faltering tendency. The market showed only on balance fractional advance towards the close with steels, aircrafts, motors chemicals, rails oils and department stores most responsive to pressure. Increased offerings offset a last minute rallying attempt and the market

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

American Telephone and Telegraph	150
Amerex Holding Co.	22
Anaconda Copper Mining	34
Chase National Bank	34
Sinclair Oil	22-5/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	47
General Electric Co.	39-1/4
General Motors	59-1/8
Ingersol Rand	67
International Nickel	30-3/8
National City Bank of New York	38
New York Central Rail Road Co.	12-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-7/8
Texas Corporation	53-7/8
Union Carbide	41
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43
U. S Steel Corporation Common	70-3/8
Western Union Telegrapn	15-1/4

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, December 30:

The market displayed a steady undertone early on additional buying by flour mills presumably against export orders in wheat and scattered outside demand stimulated by the failure of the mid-December parity prices to show any declines Prices subsequently reacted under hedging and liquidation—the latter partly year-end evening-up.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30

May 2.28

July 2.09-3/4.

September 2.10-1/8.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 30.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	79-15/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	106-/12
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	114-3/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	103-7/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg)	101-1/2
National Bank of India	38-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,067

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Dec 30

London Australian Wheat f.o.b (Bulk) 99/3 Dec.-Jany. quoted.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec. 30

T. T. London on:—

New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

Small improvement in castorseeds prices was attributed to modest covering and scattered buying after quiet opening.

At the beginning castorseeds May delivery were quoted at Rs. 131/14 and improved to Rs. 132/3 after declining at Rs. 131-12 and steadied around Rs. 132/2

Later on there was heavy selling by professional operators and prices sagged to Rs. 130-12. The clearing rate was fixed at Rs. 130-12 and the market closed at 2 p.m. The tone of the market was easy. After the close castorseed prices further dropped to Rs. 129-8.

Groundnuts and Linseed were quietly steady with fair amount of business.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	Rs 35	0	0
Coromandal	34	4	0
Bold (ready)	34	0	0
Bold Dec.-Jan.	33	10	0
Bold Feb.-March	33	8	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	28	8	0
May delivery	130	12	0
LINSEEDS			
Ready	27	5	0
Feb.-March	27	1	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready Mills	20	4	0
December	19	11	0
January	19	7	0
February	19	6	0
Linseed Oil	16	12	0
Cast rseed Oil first pressing	19	0	0
Castorseed Oil Commercial quality	17	8	0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230		

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

	Pics
45X11	
Ready	112
Oct-Dec.	112-1/4
Jan-March	113-1/4
D W 40X23	
Ready	128 0 0
Oct-Dec.	124 8 0
Jan-March	122

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 31

Maha Delivery cwts	172 to 174
Fagan Delivery (Per ton)	910

Italian Art Silk

BOMBAY, Dec. 31

150 D December	3	10	0
150 D January	3	11	0
120 D Ready	3	9	0
150 D Ready	3	10	3

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 31

Small	87
Medium	93
Big	105
Extra Big	110
January	31 3 0
March	30 13 0
Arrivals Bags	2,900
Despatchs Bags Approx	—
Total Stock Approx Bags	—
Damage Sugar	80 to 85

NEW YORK SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 70 cents.

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, Dec. 30.

Silver: Spot and Forward 42-1/2 d.

Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-12-3.

SHIPPING

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

BOMBAY, December 31.

LARISTAN arrived from Newcastle on December 30 with fuel oil (Burma Shell).

TREVAYLOR arrived from Tsingtao on December 30 with 8,700 tons of general cargo (M.M.)

GAUSDAL arrived from Bahia Blanca on December 30 with 7,848 tons of wheat (L. Edwards).

JALAMANI arrived from Navalakhi on December 30 with 5,140 tons of general cargo (Scindia).

RAILA arrived from Abadan on December 30 with 11,639 tons of petroleum products (Standard Vacuum).

CHASEROL arrived from Genoa on December 31 with general cargo (Dominion Trading Co.).

SAINT MERE EGLISE arrived from Saigon on December 31 with 5,832 tons of general cargo (Volkart).

ALCYONE arrived from Singapore on December 31 with 340 tons of general cargo (Volkart).

DEPARTURES

KHUSROO sailed for Jeddah on December 31 with 83 passengers.

BAUFF PARK sailed from Freemantle on December 30.

TRONJER sailed for Calcutta on December 30 with 2,400 tons of general cargo.

S. S. ENGLESTAN sailed for Karachi on December 30, wiwth 1,000 tons of general cargo.

NURJEHAN sailed for Karachi on December 31 with 629 tons of timber and general cargo.

U. N. Agencies Plan 11 International Meetings In January

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 29 Specialized agencies of the United Nations have scheduled 11 meetings in January in Geneva, Rome and Montreal, most of them for technical discussions on aviation and communications. Others will deal with food, health and labour problems in the world community.

The January schedule includes:

International Civil Aviation Organization—Meeting on teletype operation, January 4. Air Navigation Committee, January 10. European frequency meeting, January 11. Meeting of Communications Division, January 11. Sixth session of ICAO Council, January 18. Air Transport Committee, January 19. All meetings at Montreal.

International Telecommunications Union—Conference on LORAN (long range radio aid to navigation), Geneva, January 17. Committee for Revision of International Telegraphic Regulations, Geneva, January 17. Food and Agriculture Organization meeting on hybrids, Rome, January 10 to 15.

International Labour Organization—Permanent Migration Committee, Geneva, January 13.

World Health Organization—Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health, Geneva, January 14 to 30.—USIS.

RAW COTTON SITUATION

Brisk Buying Of Kapas By Local And Upcountry Mills

BOMBAY, Dec. 31

The Patel Cotton Co., Ltd. has issued the following weekly report:—

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Prices of cotton in New York recorded an impressive advance early in the week despite the restrictive influence of pre-holiday feeling. Fears the Chinese market for cotton may evaporate if Shanghai should fall and that shipments to Holland may be possibly suspended in view of the political situation deterred outside participation, but persistent buying of nearby March and May by a leading spot house, believed to be against export sales possibly to Britain, together with other trade demand and local short covering resulted in a scarcity of contracts.

U. S. A. CONSUMPTION.

Cotton consumption in the U. S. A., combined with exports, continued above last year, though sharply below ten years ago or the ten-year average. The figure of consumption is less than last year but exports are much less bad than a year ago. The significant factor is that though cotton stock in the U. S. is over three million bales above last year, almost the whole of that increase is in Government's hands. Free stock, therefore, is only slightly above a year ago and just about the same as at this date in two previous seasons. Owing to a variety of restrictions on the sale of Government-held stocks, there will be not much of this cotton that can be offered before next August, nor is it likely that Government will call loans before their maturity.

BRAZIL CROP.

The North Brazil crop is estimated at 900,000 bales and the South Brazil crop at 365,000. The total Brazil crop will thus amount to 1,265,000 bales against last season's 1,175,000 bales. Owing to a smaller carryover, however, the total supply this season is placed at 2,550,000 bales, which is about 600,000 below last year. The moderate revival of farmer's interest in cotton is ascribed to betted farming, better seed, better prices, better financing arrangements and lower returns from competitive co-operatives.

LOCAL MARKET.

Trading in the Bombay forward market during the week was mostly connned to professional operators due to the general inactivity of trade and speculative interests at prices ruling very near the ceiling level. I.C.C. was practically deadlocked at around the ceiling fluctuating narrowly between Rs. 618 and Rs. 620. I.C.C. May reacted to Rs. 611-1/4 on profit-taking by joobers but again hardened to Rs. 614-1/2 as sotcks in the market have dwindled to a negligible quantity.

MILLS BUY KAPAS.

Some Bombay and upcountry mills are reported to be buying briskly kapas (seed cotton) in the interior at advancing rates in order to cover their needs. The Government are therefore considering how 'kapas' can be brought under the Cotton Control Order. For this purpose, they are collecting all the details with regard to cost of ginning, pressing, etc.

Owing to the shortage of supplies, mills in Indore, it is stated, would be driven to the necessity of stopping work in the first week of January. To avert this crisis, the Madhya Bharat Government have banned export of raw cotton and imposed a price control. They are also taking prompt measures to clear the stocks of finished goods.

A disconcerting situation appears to have arisen in Ahmedabad, where co-operative societies entrusted with the distribution of cloth find themselves unable to dispose of certain damaged stocks of an unsaleable kind, given over to these societies by theGovernment. A deputation from these societies is expected to meet Bombay's Minister of Finance and Co-operatives on his expected visit to Ahmedabad.

BULK PURCHASES.

The Indo-British plan of making bulk purchase of cotton from East Africa and Sudan is reported to have made good headway. The trade is awaiting details of teh final plan that will evolve.

Dealings in spot cotton have been spasmodic owing to the scarcity of supplies. Although there is good demand for Bengals, transactions were few and far between. Only a few stocks were available.

Due to the difficulties experienced by mills in securing their supplies, it will not be surprised if Government adopt drastic measures to enforce price control. As a first step in this direction, the Government have issued notices to several sellers to send to the "ad hoc" Committee samples of cotton sold by them in order to ensure that the sale prices were not above the ceiling. This has resulted in reduction of the prices at which some sales were effected.

CROP NEWS.

BROACH-SURAT: Crop movement on an increasing scale at most of the stations. Picking is half Completed. Rest will be over by January-end.

DHOLLERAS: Weather continues clear and bright. There was no dewfall which cotton plants are in need of. Some plants show signs of flowering. The height of the plants is about 1 to 1-1/4 it.

MATHIA: Kapas arrivals have just started both at Bhavnagar and Botad.

KALAGIN: Owing to beneficial dewfall prospects are better than earlier expectations. Arrivals have started in some of the out-stations of Verawal in small quantities where the ginning factories are expected to start in the first week of January.

OOMRAS: Berars: Weather on Amraoti side is again cloudy and unfavourable. Arrivals are getting smaller and smaller necessitating further reduction in crop estimates. Quality low both in class and staple. On Khamgaon side, weather was clear with passing clouds. Nights and mornings cold. Arrivals are in full swing and may continue so upto January 15. Central-India: Seventy per cent of the pickings are over. Kapas arrivals in full swing. Present arrivals show 25 per cent black leaf. Later arrivals will improve.

SOUTHERNS: Compta-Dharwar: Weather clear and brighter and sufficiently cold. Cotton plants are growing well. Western-Northerns: The condition of crop is generally very satisfactory everywhere. Owing to failure of ground-nut crop, more lands have come under cotton. Nandyal crop prospects are exceptionally bright. Coimbatore-Salem: Weather is generally clear and nights are cold with dewfall. Second weeding operations are going on. Plants in irrigated areas have started flowering. Tinny-Ramnad: Plants are healthy and making good progress.

DACCA, Dec. 16.

The office of the High Commissiner for Pakistan in India New Delhi has issued the folling Press Note:—

It has been decided to decontrol the export of poultry, eggs, Irgsh fruits and fresh vegetables to India with immediate effect says a Press Note issued by the Deputy Chief Controller of Imports and Exports, Government of Pakistan, Chittagong. Export of these items to India only shall henceforth be allowed without an export licence.

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Britain Gets First Snow Of Winter

Gusts Of Wind Harass Shipping Around Coast

LONDON, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Seventy miles an hour gusts harassed shipping around Britain's coast early today and the first snow of the winter covered the northern half of the country.

Tremendous seas raged at Hastings, Sussex, at midnight and exposed houses were shaken by gusts of wind.

The 2,600-ton French cross-channel steamer, "Arromanches", with 344 passengers, including 150 school girls, was held between the wind and ebb tide and had to wait outside New Haven harbour, Sussex, for several hours for high tide.

The 83,000-ton "Queen Elizabeth" was unable to move into the King George Fifth dock at Southampton for her annual overhaul.

One and a half inches of rain fell in Birmingham in nine hours and police and firemen rescued 30 children when floods cut off a day nursery.

Many districts in South Wales were also flooded by melting snow.

Twenty-five passengers who took off in a British European airways Viking for Paris yesterday were landed at Abbeville instead and flown back to London last night because of bad weather over the French capital.

Two men were killed and several hurt when lightning fired a charge being prepared to blast a tunnel for the new hydro-electric plant in the Scottish highlands. Ambulances hindered by snow and ice had to be restrained by other vehicles when carrying injured men down mountain roads.

ALL-INDIA LIBRARY CONFERENCE

NAGPUR, (By Mail):

The All-India Library Conference will hold its Eighth Session at Nagpur under the auspices of the Nagpur University. The dates fixed for the session are Thursday, (20th,) Friday, (21st) and Saturday, 22nd January, 1949.

A Reception Committee for making arrangements of the Conference has been formed with Lt.-Col. Pt. K. L. Dubey, Vice-Chancellor Nagpur University, as the Chairman and Shri A. Awasthi, Lecturer, Nagpur Mahavidyalaya, Shri J. Stevenson, Librarian, Hislop College, and Shri P. S. Phadke, Librarian, Nagpur University as Local Secretaries.

His Excellency Shri Mangaldas Pakvasa, Governor of C. P. and Berar, and Chancellor of the University, has consented to be the Patron-in-Chief. His Excellency Shri M. S. Aney, Governor of Bihar had also enrolled himself as a patron of the Conference. Reception Committee, subscriptions are: Patrons Rs. 100 or more, Donors Rs. 25 or more, Members Rs. 10. The delegate's fee is Rs. 5. Those who desire to attend the Conference are requested to write to the Local Secretaries so that necessary information regarding the Conference may be sent to them. Those who want to read papers at the conference are requested to sound them to the address of R.S. Dr. S. R. Ranganathan C/s Delhi University, Delhi, by the 31st December, 1948.

It is decided to organize a Library Exhibition on this occasion. The Exhibits will be on the following subjects: 1) Reference Books, 2) Books on Library Science, 3) Children's Books, 4) Manuscripts, 5) Early printed books, 6) Rare Books, 7) Library Equipment.

Those who desire to send exhibits have to do so at their own expense. The last date for sending exhibits is 15th January, 1949.

Exit Of Malan Govt. Will Not Change Conditions Of Indians

ASHWIN CHOUDREE HOPEFUL OF INDIAN DELEGATION'S SUCCESSAT U. N. SESSION

BOMBAY, Friday.

Even the exit of the Malan government will not make any material change in the condition of the Indian settlers in South Africa, although the approach to the ultimate solution will change, was the view expressed by Mr. Ashwin Choudree, Vice-President, Natal Indian Congress, in an interview with a representative of this paper today.

Mr. Choudree who arrived in this country over three weeks ago went to New Delhi where he met Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister for Health, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, leader of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and others. He was also present at the Jaipur session of the Congress, where he met many Congress leaders and workers; and to all these Mr. Choudree presented a picture of the latest position of the Battle of the South African Indian population.

Mr. Choudree said that in his discussions with the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister as well as with the officials of the Commonwealth and External Affairs Ministry, he was happy to find that they were fully alive to the difficulties facing Indians in South Africa, more particularly by reason of the change of Government in that country. He was also satisfied that the Indian delegation to the United Nations will leave no stone unturned to press India's case at the United Nations in April and seek redress of the grievances of Indians in South Africa. Mrs. Pandit was confident that India's case would get a better hearing in New York.

Questioned regarding the prospects of the Malan Government, Mr. Choudree said that if Havenga, the leader of the Afrikaner party, whose nine seats had enabled Dr. Malan to form his government still insists that any interference with the present system of indirect representation of Africans cannot be brought about without a two thirds majority of parliament, then there will have to be either a re-election or there might emerge a new pact between the United Party led by General Smuts and the Afrikaner Party—these two forming a new government.

But Mr. Choudree explained that this will make no material change in the condition of Indians in South Africa. There would, however, be a fundamental difference, between the approach of the present South African delegation to the United Nations and the stand that may be taken by the new government. This is because the United Party accepts the South African Indians as a part of the permanent population of South Africa whereas the present Government has been insisting that they are aliens. It regards South Africans Indians as an unassimilable group and regards their repatriation as the only final solution of the problem of South African Indians.

Mr. Choudree and his wife Dr. Ansuya Singh, who is also a member of the Executive of the South African Indian Congress will leave for South Africa shortly to inform the Executive of the nature and scope of their discussions in this country.

Parsi Scholar

Late Mr. NANABHOY F. MAMA, who died lately (aged 66) in Bombay. He was a scholor, had studied scriptures of several religions besides Zoroastrianism. He contributed extensively in papers and journals. Author of "The All-Conquering Fire of Al-Koran-e-Shareef' in which all references to Fire mentioned in the Koran are quoted. Also published two books on Mazdaznan. He was in possession of "Ahad Namah". ("Charter of Liberties"), written in Arabic, and believed to be a copy of the original "Ahad Namah" which was written by Prophet Mahomed himself granting certain concessions to Zoroastrians, subjects of Muslim rulers of Persia and Arabia. It was reproduced in the "Bombay Chronicle" of 4-9-1938 with its translation in English, rendered by late scholar, Mr. G. K. Narlman.

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE

Three-Day Session Commences In Bombay

BOMBAY, Friday.

The three-day session of the Bombay Provincial Civil Liberties Conference commenced here this afternoon with an informal meeting which was attended by about 90 delegates from the districts and nearly 150 from Bombay City and Suburbs.

Among the districts represented were Poona, Sangli, Sholapur, Kolhapur, Bhusaval, Thana and Ahmedabad.

The informal meeting at the Servants of India Society Hall, which was presided over by Mr. N. M. Joshi, President of the Bombay Civil Liberties Union, set up a Subjects Committee to draft resolutions on the maintenance of civil liberties and other allied matters which will be discussed by the Conference. But the main purpose of today's meeting was introduction of delegates and informal talk on various topics. It is understood that the question of formation of a Provincial Civil Liberties Organisation was one of the subjects informally discussed today.

The object of the Civil Liberties Conference, which is described as a "non-political, non-party conference", is the maintenance of civil liberties as freedom of speech, freedom of association, personal liberty, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience etc. Among the subjects to be discussed at the Conference are the Fundamental Rights Article, recently adopted by the Constituent Assembly, the Public Security Measures Act, banning of political organisations, treatment of political prisoners, free legal aid to the poor and the strengthening of the civil liberties movement throughout the Province.

The second and third days' sessions of the Conference will be open to the public and visitors will be admitted on presentation of cards issued by the Civil Liberties Union. The open sessions will be presided over by Prof. P. A. Wadia.

Saturday's programme consists of a welcome address to delegates by Mr. N. M. Joshi, followed by the Presidential address. Later the Subjects Committee will meet to draft resolution.

On Sunday, the draft resolutions, approved by the Subjects Committee will be discussed and passed by the Conference.

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Maj.-Gen. Choudhury Meets Morarji

BOMBAY, Friday.

Major General J. N. Choudhury, Military Governor of Hyderabad, and Mr. D. S. Bakhale, Chief Civil Administrator of the State, conferred with Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, this morning at the Secretariat. Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary to the Bombay Government, was present at the talks.

Later, the two visitors called on Mr. Venkatappayya, Finance Secretary to the Government.

No comment on the nature of the discussions was available.

Major General Choudhury, who reached Bombay on Thursday evening, is scheduled to leave for Hyderabad on January 2, his Secretary stated.

Hur Leader Arrested After Armed Conflict

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Dec. 28: Report of an armed conflict between a gang of Hurs and the Sind Rifle Police near Tendo Adam is received which resulted in the death of one police constable and serious injuries to another constable as also to one Hur.

Knowing that the notorious Hur outlaw Abdulkher, for whose arrest a prize of Rs. 5,000 was offered, was hiding with his gang in the nearby jungle, Police D.S.P. Mr. Abdul Karim surrounded the place at dead of night. The Hurs came to know of this police encirclement about 3 a.m. and then started the exchange of fires from both sides. After about eight hours of excitement, the Hurs ultimately surrendered.

Abdulkher and his gang were responsible for a number of dacoities and murders and the police was after them for a long time.

INDIA MUST QUIT COMMONWEALTH IMMEDIATELY

A.-I. Forward Bloc Demands Linguistic Separation Of Provinces

CALCUTTA, Dec 30 (UPI): The All-India Forward Bloc, which is now in session in Calcutta, adopted yesterday a resolution outlining the "special role of Forward Bloc". Characterising the Indian National Congress as "a party guiding the interest of the capitalists in India", the resolution envisages that the main task of the Forward Bloc is "to assume the leadership of the exploited masses" in the forthcoming socialist revolution.

The resolution inter alia states: "We stand for a perfectly independent India which will have nothing to do with the British Commonwealth of Nations. It declared that India must remain completely neutral in the conflict between the Anglo-American and the Soviet blocs."

In issues which "vitally affect the very existence of the Indian Union and its freedom", the Forward Bloc assures co-operation with the Indian Union Government to safeguard the interest of the nation as a whole. The resolution makes particular mention of its co-operation with the Government in their endeavour to fight out the reactionary forces of the raiders in Kashmir.

Expressing its loyalty to Indian masses alone, the resolution records the confidence that with the ideals and programme of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Forward Bloc "will play a most glorious and important part in the socialist phase of our struggle at present as it did in the anti-imperialist struggle before August 15, 1947."

By another resolution the Forward Bloc expresses "its emphatic opinion that the best political and economic interest of the Indian masses demand that India should immediately opt out of the British Commonwealth of Nations so as to enable it to play an independent role in world politics befitting its noble part and glorious future."

Immediate redistribution of Indian Provinces on linguistic basis has also been demanded by another resolution adopted by the conference.

Indore Peaceful

INDORE, Dec. 31 (API): Nights passed off peacefully in Indore yesterday.

About 50 persons were arrested for contravening the curfew orders. They were summarily tried and fined nominally.

Firing On Workers Justified In British Guiana

GEORGE TOWN, (British Guiana), Dec. 31 (Reuter): Police were justified in firing on strikers during the rioting at the Enmore sugar estate on the East Coast of Demerara last June, according to the report of a special commission which has enquired into the incident.

The three-man commission, appointed by the Governor of British Guiana, Sir Charles Campbell Woolley, added that some firing was beyond the requirements of the situation and resulted in the death of at least one person.

Five people were killed and 11 injured during the rioting.

MEDICAL STUDENTS STRIKE IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 30 (API).—Students of the local medical college here have gone on a two-day strike today as a protest against increase in their tuition fees.

COMMONWEALTH AND INDIA

Mavlankar's Views

BOMBAY, Friday.

The ideal of complete independence was in no way compromised by India deciding to remain in the Commonwealth. This view was expressed by Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker, Constituent Assembly, while addressing the members of the Sanskar Mandal at St. Xavier College today. Mr. Mavlankar who recently led the Indian delegation to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in London was giving his impressions of the European tour. Father Dhur presided.

Mr. Mavlankar stressed that the Commonwealth did not mean the subordination of one nation to another. It was a partnership on equal basis. India could stick to her ideal and keep her own in the Commonwealth as long her interests with England remained common. If however she felt at any time that her interests were jeopardised by remaining in the Commonwealth it was open for her to cease to be a member of the Commonwealth.

OBJECTS OF CONFERENCE

The object of the Conference, according to Mr. Mavlankar was to discuss important world problems on the basis of proper understanding of each other's viewpoints and difficulties. The Conference had discussed such problems as defence, immigration, economic co-operation and the like in an atmosphere of frankness and cordiality. For the proper and successful functioning of the parliamentary democracy, said Mr. Mavlankar, such discussions served a very useful purpose.

Mr. Mavlankar pointed out that people in the United Kingdom asked him two main questions. The first was about the probability of another war and the second about India's future relationship with the Commonwealth. His reply to the first question was that there was no reason why Russia or any other country should go in for war. He believed that such a calamity could be avoided if all the countries worked in earnest to establish an ideal society in which any kind of economic exploitation was completely eliminated. The fear of a third war, said he, was due only to the feeling of suspicion and distrust with which the countries looked upon each other. With a view to allay that suspicion he had suggested limited disarmament. Mr. Mavlankar said "Truth in politics and diplomacy is the need of the hour. Let us be straightforward, honest and frank in our dealing with each other".

Mr. Mavlankar further stressed the need for discipline for the successful working of the democracy. In this connection he cited the example of Switzerland which he had visited. He was surprised to find that in that country there was no police—to control the traffic on the road. Thousands of cars and pedestrians moved about freely on streets and roads. This indicated how disciplined the people were. Such a thing was absolutely essential for India. He wished Indians to think in terms of duties rather than of rights only. That was in fact the foundation of true democracy.

Cut In Marshall Aid To Europe

PARIS, Dec. 30 (Reuter): The nineteen Marshall Plan Nations approved today a grand total of 4.600 million dollars as their estimated needs for the plan's second year.

This was a drop of 275 million dollars on the first year total.

A spokesman for the organisation for European Economic Co-Operation, announcing this, said the O.E.E.C. Council had also approved its interim report on the long-range programme.

He was speaking at the end of the Council's two-day meeting here.

Members of the O.E.E.C. Secretariat believed that when the aid estimates were studied together with the interim report the total estimate might possibly be cut by another 300 million dollars, he added.

PLEA FOR P. M.'S FUND FOR REFUGEES

BOMBAY, Dec. 31, UPI): It is understood that Mr. Meher Chand Khanna, Adviser to the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of India, has made an urgent telegraphic representation to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru requesting him for an immediate allotment of money from the Prime Minister's Fund to be placed at the disposal of Maj-General Bhonsle, Director of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of Bombay, for relief and rehabilitation work of large number of refugees in Bombay.

Governor-General's Assent To Three Bombay Acts

The Governor-General has given his assent to the Bombay Housing Board Act, 1948, the Provincial Insolvency (Bombay Amendment) Act, 1948, and the Bombay Agricultural Debtors Relief (Amendment Act, 1948.

More Joint Committees Formed

With the formation of five new joint committees in Bombay Province during November last, the number of registered joint committees stood at 65 at the end of the month. Of these, 64 committees were in the cotton textile industry and one in the public passenger and transport services.

Tram Conductor Ordered To Be Remanded

BOMBAY, Friday.

Khandoo Keshoo Gogwale, the tram conductor, who is alleged to have stabbed a tram passenger yesterday and then stabbed himself was ordered to be remanded in custody by Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, today.

Both the alleged assailant as well as his victim, are occupying nearby cots in the same ward of the same hospital.

Benihal Pass Builder Dead

LONDON, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Col. Howard Fraser, whose death is announced, spent the greater part of his career in surveying Indian frontiers.

Memorials to him are the Banihal Pass connecting the valley of Kashmir with the Province of Jammu, which he built while Chief Engineer to the Kashmir State Government and the widening of the road over the Kyber Pass.

ATTEMPT TO STRANGLE SOCIETY LADY

Incident In London Street

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter): Attacked by a man in evening dress as she returned early today to her West End flat Lady Newborough Deniza, the society milliner, chased him as far as Claridges hotel where he escaped.

Miss Rosa Heppner, who accompanied Lady Newborough, said the man, good looking and in his early thirties, sprang at her with a red scarf crying "I will strangle you so that you cannot give a description of me to the police."

Though bruised on the legs and neck she fought him and chased him into the streets. He escaped with a gold cigarette case and money from her handbag, a pearl necklace and money from the shop.

Lady Newborough, born in Yugoslavia and educated in Paris and Switzerland, married the fifth Baron Newborough in 1939 and obtained a divorce last year. She has one daughter.

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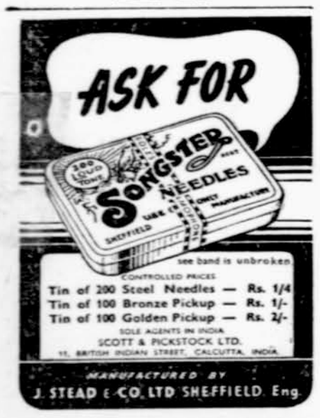
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Seth Dalmia Urges Firm Measures

ADDRESS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF BHARAT INSURANCE

Speaking at the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the Bharat Insurance Company Limited held at Delhi on 31st December, 1948, Seth J. Dalmia, Chairman of the Company observed:—

"The too frequent and conflicting statements made in the past by the Government spokesmen on matters relating to Trade and Industry in the country have considerably undermined the investors' confidence and depressed the Stock Exchange to such an extent that shares of even first class dividend-paying concerns fail to attract attention. At a time when all the energy and attention of our National Government should have been focussed on devising ways and means for the industrial development of the country, the Ordinance regarding Limitation of Dividends of new floatations, is bound to hinder the growth of industries inspite of new concessions conceded to them. In foreign countries, industries are regarded as the real wealth of the Nation and are extended full help and support by the Government with the result that all the leading foreign countries today are much too advanced industrially as compared to our country. If, therefore, the national economy of the country is to be built up, it is necessary that our Government restores trust and confidence amongst the industrialists by declaring in unequivocal terms that the Trade and Industry of the country will be allowed to function normally so that capital may flow freely for new industries with consequential increase in production and stabilization of prices at a fair level. If considered necessary, control and rationing of food and cloth may be retained and essential building material, like steel and cement, be acquired by the Government directly from Factories at cost plus profit basis to the extent needed for national exigencies. It is also necessary that the Government adopts a strong attitude in all capital and labour disputes and takes suitable action against the party at fault whether he be the industrialist or the labour. The need of the hour is maximum production and the Government must be prepared to effectively deal with all such forces that go counter to it."

Reviewing the march of events, Seth Dalmia remarked:

"Since we met last, revolutionary changes have taken place in the country. The joy to all of us on attaining the long cherished independence, incidentally on a date on which your Company came into being would have been unbounded but for the damping effect caused by the vivisection of India and all that it brought in its wake. The large scale massacre, arson, loot and abduction that took place in Northern India, have made humanity bleed. The uprooting of millions from their hearth and home was unprecedented in history. The communal frenzy culminated in the assassination of the apostle of non-violence, the maker and beacon-light of our Nation, MAHATMA GANDHI. The mass exodus of panic-stricken population sowed seeds of rancour and bitterness between the two newly born Dominions and the Kashmir issue made further difficult the settlement of vast and complicated problems connected with the partition.

REFUGEE RELIEF & REHABILITATION

The consequent problem of refugee relief and rehabilitation became so pressing and gigantic that, inspite of all earnest efforts, the Governments of the two countries have not been able to achieve the desired measure of success. The real solution for mitigating the untold sufferings of the refugees lies in restoring the much needed mutual trust, goodwill and spirit of accommodation between the two Dominions. It is refreshing to find that, in the recent Inter-Dominion talks, amity prevailed and a large measure of agreement is reported to have been reached on many of the important issues. The abolition of custom barriers, satisfactory solution in the matter of moveable and immovable property of evacuees and conciliatory attitude of the press in the two Dominions should go a long way in eradicating the memories of heretofore strained relations and is bound to benefit the peoples of the two Dominions.

TEMPORARY SET-BACK

The communal orgy in the Punjab was bound to have serious repercussions on us. Not only was an area, from which the Company was writing a substantial business lost, but on account of the records and other equipment having been held over in Pakistan, the working of the Company almost came to a standstill. A daring effort was made in September, 1947, by some members of the staff under the personal supervision of the General Manager to evacuate records and equipment of the Company from Lahore. But, unluckily, the staff on duty for evacuation work was attacked by a mob which resulted in the death of a peon of the Company and grievous injuries to the Manager Mr. K. L. Gupta. It was only in April 1948, that the company was able to salvage essential record, Powers and Adrema Machines and a part of stationery, stock and furniture.

ASSETS UNAFFECTED

Apart from the temporary inconvenience caused, on this account, to our policy holders, the financial position of the Company otherwise remained absolutely unaffected. The management had the foresight to transfer all its shares and securities, valuables and Banking Accounts to India in good time and partition found all the assets of the Company safe and intact in India. As is well-known, your Company was the only firm which had been selling its house property in Lahore, so much so that property worth about 30 lacs was disposed off upto the time of partition and this not only saved the Company from considerable losses, but resulted in profits. The Company only sustained a total loss of Rs. 1,08,000 in stationery, furniture, fixture and machinery looted and removed from Company's building before evacuation and this amount has been written off from the Investment Reserve Fund. To mitigate the hardship to our constituents, the management extended liberal concessions for issuance of duplicate policies, revival of lapsed policies and payment of death claims.

FALL IN BUSINESS

The new business completed by the Company in 1947 was two crores and ninety five lacs as against four crores and forty lacs in the previous year. The conditions in the country, as a result of partition, had a depressing effect on insurance business, and the management of your Company did not compete for un-remunerative business to show high business figures at the cost of quality. The results achieved, under the circumstances, may be considered as satisfactory.

INCOME & FUNDS

The total income of the Company in the year amounted to 96 lacs out of which 80 lacs were derived from premiums. The total outgo came to about 63 lacs leaving a balance of about 33 lacs which was added to the Life Insurance Fund raising it to over 4 crores, with the total assets of the Company amounting to about 4 crores and 70 lacs.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Out of the total claims for 38 lacs during the year, claims by death amounted to about 13½ lacs and claims by maturity to about 24½ lacs. Luckily for us, the total amount of claims by death due to riots amounted to about 2½ lacs only.

DROP IN EXPENSE-RATIO

The expense-ratio of the Company for the year is 15.4 per cent, inclusive of total evacuation expenses, as against 16.1 per cent in the previous year. It is extremely gratifying that, despite a general tendency for increase in expense-ratio on account of fall in new business, increased lapsation and higher payment to staff, we have actually recorded a slight decrease. The management has no intention to take part in the race for business but to pursue the policy of writing only good quality business at reasonable cost.

FAVOURABLE INTEREST YIELD

The average rate of interest earned was 3.7 per cent, after deduction of income-tax at source, as in the previous year, which is highly satisfactory. But it may not be possible even for your Company hereafter to maintain the present rate if the existing rate of taxation and method of assessment of Life Insurance Companies is not replaced by a reasonable rate and a rational, fair and equitable method of assessment for which persistent demands have been made by Insurance Companies in the past and on which a detailed representation has again been submitted to the Government of India. It is to be hoped that the Life Offices will get the much needed relief now that the party, which previously backed this demand, forms the Government of the country.

NEW INSURANCE BILL

It is understood that a New Insurance Bill is shortly to be introduced in the Legislature on the basis of suggestions made by the Informal Committee and the Insurance Advisory Committee. While suitable provisions in the Bill to rationalise the working of Insurance Companies and to safeguard the interests of policyholders by ensuring safety of Life Insurance Funds would be wholly welcome, the contemplated restrictions on investments particularly in new floatations will not only adversely affect the already low interest earnings of Insurance Companies but also check the industrial growth of the country which could be accelerated by the vast resources of Insurance Companies for the ultimate economic betterment of the people

INSURANCE A FEDERAL SUBJECT.

One of the most outstanding achievement of our Government has been the absorption of the States into the body politic of India. In view of this, separate Insurance Legislations obtaining in the various States at present, under which the Indian Insurance Companies have to function, become absolutely unnecessary and irksome. It is to be hoped that the Government will take early steps to treat Insurance as a Federal Subject so that a uniform Rule will apply to Provinces and States alike. The Government should also try to finalise reciprocal agreement with Pakistan on the conduct of Insurance business in the two Dominions so that Indian Insurance Companies may resume their activities in Pakistan.

PURCHASE OF HOUSE PROPERTY.

The Company has purchased two house properties in Delhi. Besides providing capital appreciation, they are expected to give good yield.

STARTING OF GENERAL INSURANCE BUSINESS

It will be recalled that some time back the Company had changed its Memorandum and Articles of Association with a view to starting General Insurance Business. As soon therefore conditions changed materially, the idea was postponed for the time being. It has now been decided to commence the work.

ENCOURAGING VALUATION RESULTS

The Valuation Results of the Company for the quinquennium ending 31st December, 1947, are just available. I am glad to inform you that a substantial profit of over 28 lacs has been disclosed and the Directors have decided to declare a reversionary bonus of Rs. 8/- and Rs. 6/- per thousand per year for Whole Life and Endowment Assurances respectively on policies entitled to profits, besides a Golden Jubilee Bonus of Rs. 2/- per thousand sum assured on all policies in force on the Valuation date. It has also been decided to pay sumptuary allowance equivalent to one month's basic salary as on 31st December, 1948, to all such members of the staff as were in the service of the Company on the Valuation date. Considering the prevailing conditions and special circumstances during the Inter-valuation period, the results are indeed gratifying to all of us.

Before concluding, I would like to place on record our appreciation for the work done, under such difficult conditions, by the General Manager and other officers and staff at Head Office and Branches and field workers throughout India."

UNESCO Aid Sought On World-Wide Science Teaching Policies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31— An appeal to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization for leadership in establishing world-wide policies on teaching of natural sciences was voiced Thursday by the National Science Teachers' Association as it concluded a four-day session here.

The Association also suggested formation of an international organization of science teachers.

The appeal called for a "more adequate programme of science in general education" and suggested that UNESCO gather information and prepare a booklet containing a statement of the policies and activities of the Natural Science Department of UNESCO.

The organization of science teachers, representing all parts of the United States, also stressed the importance of maintaining freedom of inquiry in all fields of science.

UNESCO officials report that the International Bureau of Education now is making a study of the role of science in general education and will report on it at the 12th International Conference on Public Education to be held by UNESCO and IBE in Geneva next summer.

Plans are under way to make the UNESCO secretariat a world center of scientific liaison, where the exchange of scientists and scientific information will be expedited.

In an effort to learn new techniques concerning the popularization of scientific knowledge, a UNESCO staff member, Borge Micheisen, science writer of Copenhagen, Denmark, now is in Washington studying the operation of Science News Service, a non-Governmental science news bureau.—USIS

Ahmedabad Deputations To Wait On Kher And Mehta

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD Dec. 31.

Deputation of Ahmedabad municipality under Mr. Manilal Shah President will wait on Premier Kher. Ahmedabad municipality is in serious financial condition

A Deputation of representatives of co-operative societies will also wait on Mr. Vaikuntbhai Mehta, finance Minister to discuss the problem of cloth distribution.

Ahmedabad Pipeline Project Creates Deadlock

(From Our Correspondent)
AHMEDABAD Dec. 31.

When Ahmedabad District is threatened with serious famine and water scarcity, deadlock has arise between Bombay Government and District Local Board on the question of pipe line to be installed from Sabarmati river to supply water to villages of Dholka, Dhanduka and Dholera Mahal, the vulages affected by famine.

It is learnt, correspondence is going on between Government and District Local Board in this connection. Government is prepared to pay a subsidy of Rs. 33 lacs and suggest that the remaining 14 lacs should be paid by D.L.B.

It is learnt, in D.L.B. is not prepared to impose a new tax on the people of the District under the present circumstances.

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Kashmir Newsletter

NATIONAL CONFERENCE SWEEPS THE POLLS

(From Our Correspondent)
SRINAGAR, (By Air Mail).

Mirza Mohd. Afzal Beg the Revenue Minister of the Jammu and Kashmir Government, who is also the Food Minister, told "Chronicle" in an exclusive interview that, with the aid of the Indian Union, Kashmir will be able to tide over the food problem the State is facing today. He said that the Government of India has promised to supply Kashmir with 10,000 tons of foodgrains in 1949.

Mr. Beg said that the Kashmir Government hoped to collect 16 lakh maunds of paddy during the present food year in Kashmir Valley. So far only about 8 lakh maunds of paddy has been stored in Government granaries which is insufficient to meet the demands of Kashmir Valley.

RELIEF TO LIBERATED AREAS

Mr. Beg added that with the liberation of Kargil, Dras, Gurej and Titwal the Government had to despatch 1 lakh and 20 thousand mounds of foodgrains to these areas, and to cater for labour on the front, refugees etc., it has meant an increase demand of 10,000 maunds. Notwithstanding all these facts the Kashmir Government has increased the monthly ration from 24 to 27 seers of Shali per head per month.

CLOTH FROM BOMBAY

The Supply Secretary of the State Government told in an interview that immediately for the month of Jan. '49 15,000 mds. of rice and 65,000 mds. of wheat have been allotted by the Government of India.

The Government of India have also allotted 500 bales of cloth as monthly quota for the State, which is being transported from Mills in Bombay and Madhya Bharat

PEOPLE GO TO POLLS

People of the Kashmir Valley were given for the first time in the history of Kashmir an opportunity of going to polls on adult franchise and joint-electorate basis in connection with the election of village heads called Zaildars.

Sheikh Abdulla's Government, while evolving a new agrarian policy, decided recently to democratise the Village Institutions as a result whereof the post of Zaildars and Headmen were made elective. An electoral list of nearly a million voters was prepared.

The special feature of the elections was that, inspite of inclement winter weather a very large number of women went to the poling booths raising slogans of "Naya Kashmir Zindabad." Never before in the history of the State have so many women taken part in elections.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE SWEEPS THE JOLLS

The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference decided to contest the elections and set up candidates in each constituency. 52 out of 55 National Conference candidates were returned unopposed. In the remaining three constituencies the total votes secured by National Conference candidates were: 14,433 and the votes secured by their rivals were: 133.

New Book On Gandhiji

Three Englishmen Record His Achievements

LONDON, (By Cable).

A new book on Mahatma Gandhi, which will be published on the first anniversary of his death, is written by three distinguished Englishmen, one of whom shared the Mahatma's prison-cell during his early days in South Africa. He is H.S.L. Polak, who contributes the first 19 chapters of the book, which is entitled "MAHATMA GANDHI."

In 1904 when Gandhiji started his weekly paper "Indian Opinion," Polak was Editor of "The Transvaal Critic." Soon the two were friends, and in 1907 Polak became Editor of "Indian Opinion." The same year he went to prison along with Gandhiji and remained his staunch supporter ever after.

The other two contributors are H.N. Brailsford, distinguished journalist and student of Indian affairs, who writes on the middle period of the Mahatma's life, recording in detail his fight for India's freedom from 1915 to 1939; and Lord Pethick-Lawrence, famous British statesman. Lord Pethick Lawrence's chapters sketch the latter years of Gandhiji's life up to its great climax in 1947 and its tragic finale in January 1948.

With a moving foreword by Her Excellency Srimati Sarojini Naidu, Governor of the U.P., this book is the first authoritative account of the life and achievements of India's great genius to be published since his death. Odhams of London, the publishers, say that advance copies will be in India during the month of January, and the book will be ready for release in India by early March.

Inter-Governmental Conference To Check Opium Smuggling

CALCUTTA, Dec. 30 (API): Representatives of the Governments of Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Cooch Behar, at a conference in Calcutta today, discussed measures to stop smuggling of opium from one Province to another.

Representatives from Assam explained their difficulties in enforcing complete opium prohibition, which they had decided on some time ago, as a result of smuggling. They, therefore, asked for co-operation of the other Governments to check smuggling.

The questions of joint patrol parties, stricter vigilance in the border areas and restriction on movements at the production centre were also discussed. The views expressed at the Conference will be communicated by the representatives to their respective Governments.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES FOR WOMEN

SIMLA, (By Mail):

To inculdate the habit of thrift among women, The Co-operative Department, East Punjab, is organising Co-operative Thrift and Saving Societies among women in rural as well as urban areas. This scheme is progressing satisfactorily under the control of female staff, which is comprised of one Lady Assistant Registrar and three Inspectoresses.

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CHAOS AT SHOLAPOOR MILLS MEETING

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bills had remained unpaid for a long time, he approached the Chairman of the Board for directions. As a result of this letter, a Director's meeting was convened after a lapse of meeting 8 months, but even now there are dissentions among the partners and the work is not going on smoothly.

N. B. SHAH'S POSER.

Mr. N. B. Shah enquired of the Chairman as to what he, in his position as a Chairman, had done to bring about a satisfactory settlement among the Directors when, as a result of their quarrels the mill was suffering such a heavy loss. He wanted to know why the Chairman had not called immediately a shareholders' meeting to acquaint them with what was happening.

Another shareholders, Mr. Haridas Sobhagchand wanted to know why the Directors did not place the facts before the shareholders as the former are responsible to give an explanation stating the reasons why the mill is suffering a loss if they believe that it is due to lack of proper management on the part of the Agents.

A shareholder moved an amendment that a sub-committee of three shareholders named by him be nominated to look into the accounts.

Mr. Laldas Jamnadas whilst making scathing observations against the working of the Managing Agents, drew the attention of the shareholders that the proposal to appoint a sub-committee was a trap laid by some persons to further their own interests. There was no need for a sub-committee to be nominated to look into the accounts, when the Government of Bombay had appointed Inspectors to do this work and their report would soon be out. Only interested persons who had majority of votes would suggest the nomination of this sub-committee.

Mr. M. N. Cama then enquired of the Chairman and requested him to state categorically if any Director or member of the Managing Agency had at any time taken a loan, temporary or otherwise, or had made use of the Company's cash without the previous sanction of the Board of Directors. The Chairman, after making enquiries and consulting his colleagues, emphatically said that no director or partner of Managing Agent had ever taken any cash from the Company.

MOVE FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Nagindas Shah thereupon submitted a resolution to the effect that in view of the categorical denial of the Chairman in reply to Mr. Cama's question as to whether any cash has been taken by any of the Directors, the meeting be postponed until the Inspectors appointed by the Government submitted their reprt.

RAMKUMAR MORARKA BLAMES CHAIRMAN.

At this stage somebody in the meeting asked Mr. Ramkuamr Morarka to state what he had to say in the matter. Mr Ramkumar said that he had no voice in the Directors' meeting as the Chairman, Mr. E. B. Ghaswalla was always opposed to him and he blamed the Chairman for not calling a meeting for 8 months, even though it was well-known that the Mill was working at a loss and the management was not as it should be. "I had no voice as I was in the minority." (The Board at present consists of Mr. E. B. Ghaswalla, Mr. Gokulchand Morarka, his father Mr. Dwarkadas Morarka, and Mr. Ramkumar Morarka). He further stated that as he did not know English he was placed at a great disadvantage. He did no work but signing the cheques when necessary.

A voice enquired as to who then was carrying on the Management of the Mills, and Mr. Ramkumar Morarka replied "Thakurji" (meaning God).

EXCITEMENT RULES.

There was considerable excitement on hearing Mr. Ramkumar Morarka make a straight-forward statement. Then, one of the directors, Mr. Gokulchand Morarka, who was in a very excited frame of mind got up and in the course of his talk made an allegation against one of the shareholders, who is a respectable share-broker and enjoys a good reputation in the share bazar. A great protest from many of those present was made against such language and Mr. Gokulchand was asked to withdraw his words and express regret. On his declining to do so the shareholders got greatly excited and pandemonium reigned supreme for some time.

Finally there was so much of tugging and fist-saking not to speak or shouting in Superine Billingsgate—that the chairman thought it best to declare the meeting dissolved.

Reds Mass One Million Men

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Communist armies massed along a line from northern Hupeh to about 100 miles north-west of Shanghai. These included Manchurian and North China troops sent south by rail.

The Communists, it is believed, hope to push right up to the north bank of the Yangtse in less than ten days.

Government headquarters in north China, quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Tientsin today claimed that operations round Tangku, sole sea outlet for Government troops in the North, had taken a more favourable turn.

At Tientsin, Government headquarters claimed that the main airport in the suburbs of Changkuechang was again in Government hands.

NO COMMENT FROM U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.A.): A State Department spokesman today declined to comment on Chiang Kai-Shek's offer to resign as a peace bid to the Chinese Communists but, at the same time, reiterated his denial that Chiang's resignation is the price for new United States help for China.

He said the State Department had not seen the official transcript of the Generalissimo's New Year's message.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES FOR ADJUDICATION

The industrial disputes between the Mahalaxmi Textiles, Ltd., the Lokamanya Weaving Factory, the Ghanashyama Mills, Limited, the Satis Textiles, Limited, the Narayan Textiles Mills, K. V. and Son Limited, and two Krishna Weaving Factories, all of Cambay, and their workmen have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. D. Vyas.

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CLOTH RATIONING

Drill, which was hitherto included in Coating Cloth and which could be purchased on coupons marked for Coating alone, has now been removed from the classification of Coating and put under 'Other Cloths'. Drill can be, therefore, purchased now on any of the coupons like other cloth.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Food grains ration quantum for the First Rationing Week, commencing from Sunday, January 2, 1949, to Saturday, January 8th, 1949, has been fixed as follows:

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 food grains units.)	Per Child (1 food grains unit.)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3 1/8 seers	1 9/16 seers	1 seer
Maximum available in Rice (Any variety)	2 seers	1 seer	1/2 seer
Maximum available in Wheat*	1 1/8 seers	9/16 seers	1/2 seer
Of which— (1) Maximum available in Wheatgrain	1 1/8 seers	9/16 seers	1/2 seer
(2) Maximum available in Wheatflour (IF AVAILABLE)	1 1/8 seers	9/16 seers	1/2 seer
Maximum available in Milo (IF AVAILABLE)	3 1/8 seers	1 9/16 seers	1 seer
Maximum available in Barley (IF AVAILABLE)	3 1/8 seers	1 9/16 seers	1 seer

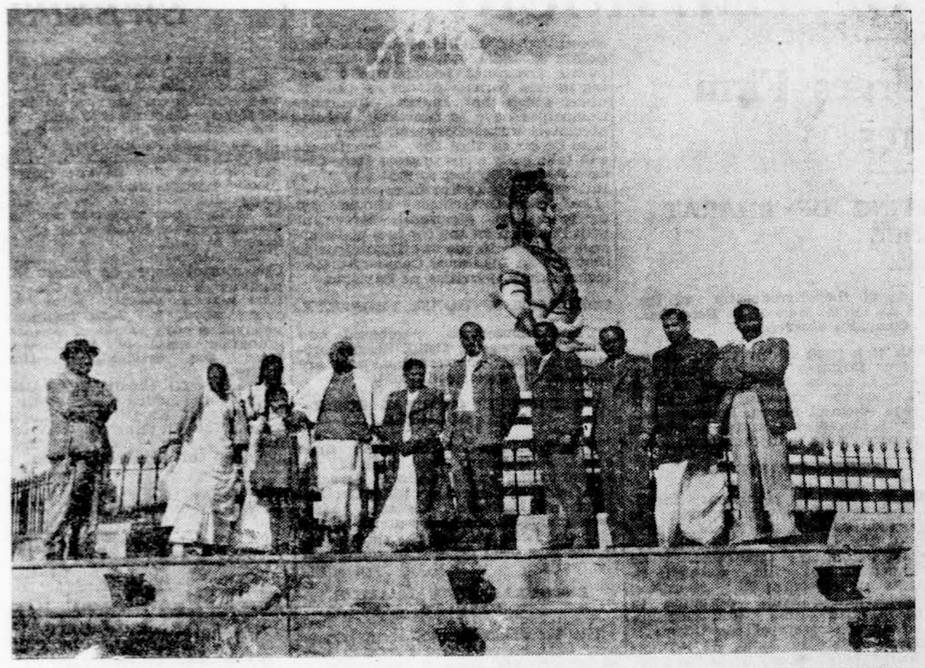
* One Bombay seer of wheat is equivalent to 1 1/2 lbs or 24 ozs of wheatflour.

One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Please note that Bread tickets are valid for the week marked on the ticket and the following week only.

Sardar At "Shiv Ganga" In Pillani



SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, AT "SHIVA GANGA" ALSO KNOWN AS CANAL HOU[illegible] DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THAT PLACE. HE WAS ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY MISS MANIBEN PATEL, MRS. SHANKER (ON HIS LEFT) AND HER DAUGHTERS (ON SARDAR'S RIGHT) AND OTHERS.

INCOME-TAX OF REFUGEES

Indo-Pak Agreement On Assessment

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (API): Agreement reached between the Governments of India and Pakistan on income-tax assessments of refugees has been announced in a press note issued by the Central Board of Revenue tonight.

The Government of Pakistan have agreed that cases of non-Muslim evacuee assessees of west Punjab and NWFP will be concentrated at Lahore and those of Sind and Baluchistan at Karachi and Hyderabad (Sind). On reciprocal basis the Government of India have agreed to concentrate the cases of Muslim evacuee assessees of East Punjab, Delhi, Ajmer and Western Districts of U.P. at Delhi. It has also been agreed that the Government of India will appoint special officers at Delhi and Bombay and the Government of Pakistan will similarly appoint special officers at Karachi and Lahore to facilitate service of notices.

3 KILLED IN POLICE FIRING

Calcutta Incident

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): Three persons were killed and several others injured when a police party escorting an arrested man had to open fire on a mob which attacked it in Kakdip Police Station area of 24-Parganas District yesterday, according to information received in Calcutta. The police officer in charge of the party was injured in the attack as also several policemen.

It is stated that the police were escorting a Communist whom they had arrested under the west Bengal Security Act when they were attacked by the mob which was armed with spears, bows, arrows, lathis and other weapons. The mob succeeded in making away with the arrested man.

PROHIBITION OF ISSUE OF BEARER SECURITY

The Government of India have issued a notification today under Section 19, of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947, prohiting the issue of any bearer security of coupon without the permission of the Reserve Bank, says a press note. The issue of promissory notes payable to bearer, excepts by the Reserve Bank, is already banned under Section 31(2) of the Reserve Bank of India Act.

DELHI DECLARES SWEDISH CURRENCY SOFT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31. (UPI.) The Government of India have declared Swedish currency to be soft currency for the purpose of imports from that country.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Firm Tone

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter) There are hopes on London Stock Exchange that new year will bring a revival of interest in Stock Markets.

Trading today was again very limited although prices were generally firm.

There is general disposition to a wait Chancellor of Exchequer's reply to a memorandum issued by the Federation of British Industries advocating reduction in company taxation and drawing attention to gave and urgent problem facing industry as a result of shortage of capital which is needed to finance stock and to replace assets.

Among industrials there were small gains i irons, steels and textiles but once again brewery issues were depressed. Miscellaneous industrial leaders were few pence higher with most transactions as a result of some levelling of position.

Profit taking in oils produced minor losses in recent favourites, but Anglo-Iranian however were a firm market.

Chinese issues in the foreign bond section advanced on hopes of an early settlement of the internal situation.

An earlier setback in South African minings was recovered by close. Cape interest was again absent but London operators supplier small support for Freestaters.

Promotions To R. I. N. Officers

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): Following promotions to officers of the Royal Indian Navy have been made with effect from 31st December 1948 it was officially announced today.

To be acting captain:— R. D. Katari;

To be acting captain (E) D Shankar;;

To be acting Commander:— M. K. Heble, D St. J. Cameron;

To be acting Lieutenant Commanders:— D. H. R. Dadabhoy; H. A. Menezes; S. P.N. Nair; S. H Badcock M. L. Barua; K. L. Kulkarni; S. Rajendra; Y. N. Singh; K. M. Nanavati.

To be acting Lieutenant Commander (E) G. K. Uttam Singh; H. P. Madon.

To be acting Lieutenant Commander (Q) W. J. D'Silvam

To be acting Lieutenant Commander (S) P. G Kokhale; Sattyindra Singh.

ROYAL INDIAN NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE (SPECIAL BRANCH)

To be acting Lieutenant Commanders (SPL) B. L. Shrivastava; P. D. Shroff; K. V. Cherian.

INDO-U.S. CULTURAL RELATIONS

Watumull Scholars Form Association

BOMBAY, Friday.

Indian scholars who went to American universities for advanced studies under scholarships provided by the Watumull Foundation, started eight years back by Mr Gobindram Watumull, today formed themselves into a body to be known as the "Watumull Foundation Associates" and devoted to the task of promoting international cultural relations, mainly between the United States and this country.

Before they met at the Taj Mahal Hotel for a preliminary session, Mr. David Wotumull son of Mr. G. Watumull, told a press conference that the association will embrace about 75 Indian scholars who have now returned from the U. S. and twenty other students who studied in various Indian universities taking advantage of the Foundation's donations.

The Watumull Foundation donates 400,000 dollars yearly for helping Indian students to undergo specialised technical studies in America. Its founder Mr. Gobindram Watumull, is a native of Karachi but has married and settled in the United States. Dr. J. H. Holmes, America's famous clergymen lectured in India early this year under the auspices of the Foundation.

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATES

Mr. David Watumull listed the six-fold activities of the Watumull Foundation Associates as follows: To promote cultural co-operation between India and other countries especially the U.S.A. to promote the national efficiency of India to aid & support the activities of the Foundation in India to help students from Indian universities seeking admission and information for advanced studies in India and U.S.A. to undertake planned activities to raise the standards of education, industry and other spheres of life and finally, to help place returned sholars by finding them positions best suited to their specialised training.

Mr. Watumull said that because of the difficulties experienced by returned scholars in finding suitable jobs the Foundation had decided to lay more emphasis henceforth on training students in Indian universities themselves as against the current practice of sending out more of them abroad.

At present about 70 Indian scholars were undergoing advanced training in the U.S. under the Foundation's scholarships. The programme for the coming year had not been yet finalised but the majority of the twenty trainees to be sent out will consist of teachers and educationists.

Mr. David Watumull stated that Sir C. V. Raman the physicist would go to the U. S. in 1949 for a lecture tour of American universities.

Pak Pilgrims Return

AMBALA, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): Muslim pilgrims from Pakistan left Rozasharif Sirhand, (Patiala States Union) today at 10-30 a.m. as scheduled after staying for three days at the famous and historic Muslim shrine associated with Hazrat Mujadid-al-Fasani Sheikh Ahmed.

The custodian of the Shrine, Sheikh Mawbool Ahmed informed the "A.P.I." correspondent this morning that the entire expenses for boarding and lodging of the party of pilgrims had been borne by the Patiala States Union Government.

There were many touching scenes when the pilgrims boarded the Pakistan-bound buses after bidding good bye to the Hindu and Sikh friends.

ALY KHAN, RITA HAYWORTH IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Dec. 31 (UPA): Rita Hayworth and Prince Aly Khan, accompanied by Rita's daughter, arrived at Cointrin Airport today from Paris.

Only Aly left the plane to attend to customs formalities. The press was barred and when one journalist forced his way through to the plane, the window blinds were pulled down.

NO CHANGE IN CLOTH RATIONING, SAYS MINISTER

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 31. (A. P. I.): "There is going to be no change in the system of rationing of cloth introduced by the Government of Bombay" declared Mr. V. L. Mehta, Minister of Finance and Co-operation, to a deputation of the Consumers' Co-operative Societies running ration cloth shops in the city.

The deputation requested the Minister to give the Societies relief in view of the slack sales made by them during the first one month of cloth rationing.

Stop Press

ATOMIC ENERGY

OAKRIDGE (Tennessee), Dec. 31, (U.P.I.). The Atomic Energy Commission has today announced that a limited number of foreign scientists will take training courses in the use of radio active materials for research.

CARDINAL MINDSZENTY'S TRIAL

BUDAPEST, Dec. 31, (U.P.A.): Government quarters today said the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty before the People's Court in Budapest will start in February.

RESCUED FLIERS REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 31, (U.P.A.): Two Air Force pilots and seven of the men they rescued from a Greenland Ice Cap arrived at LaGuardia airport from Goose Bay, Labrador, at 12-15 p.m. (E.S.T.)

EXPORTS OF JUTE

DACCA, Dec. 31, (U.P.I.): Exports of raw jute to India, Brazil and hard currency areas will continue to be permitted without licence until June 30, 1949, and a notification covering this extention of periods is under issue, states a Press Note issued by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan.

REPORT ON U.S AID TO CHINA CONTRADICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Reports that the United States had decided to give no further aid to the Chinese Government so long as President Chiang Kai-Shek remained in power were denied in Washington by Mr. Michael Mcdermott, State Department spokesman, after consultation with Mr. Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of State.

DUTCH SEEK REOPENING OF AIRFIELDS IN FAST

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31 (UPA): The Dutch Government is trying to get Pakistan, India and Burma to reopen their airfields to KLM planes to accomodate the plane of Dutch Premier Willem Dress who plans to fly to Indonesia soon. KLM normally lands at Karachi and Calcutta, but these fields are closed to KLM planes to protest the Dutch action against the Indonesian Republic.

HAILEY RAISED TO PRIVY COUNCIL

J. Boyd Orr Becomes Baron In Britain's New Year Honours List

LONDON, Jan. 1. (Reuter): People well-known in India figure in Britain's new year honours list published today.

Baron Hailey, 76-year-old former Governor of the Punjab and the United Provinces, and now Chairman of the Colonial Research Committee, is raised to the Privy Council for his services to the Colonial Empire.

BARONETCY FOR JOHN BOYD ORR.

Most internationally known figure in the list Sir John Boyd Orr, lately Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, whose outspoken views on the world food situation have been listened to everywhere with respect, becomes at 68 a Baron.

BRADMAN KNIGHTED.

In the world of sport, Don Bradman, Captain of the Australian Test Team which trounced England last summer, is awarded a Knighthood.

Another Knight is Ceylon's former Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. Arunachalam Mahadeva.

Here are names in the list—the 25th in the reign of King George VI.

ORDER OF THE BATH—Knight Commander: Sir Thomas Ingram Kynaston Lloyd, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE—Knight Commanders (K.C.M.G.); Cecil George Lewis Syers, a Deputy Under-Secretary of State in the Commonwealth Relations Office Kenneth Owen Roberts-Wray, Legal Adviser to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE—Companions (C.M.G.); Arthur Eric Christoffelsz, Principal Collector of Customs, Ceylon; William Oswald Stevens, Government Agent, Southern Province, Ceylon.

NO OVERLOAD ON PASSENGER BUS SERVICES

In view of the improvement in the supply of petrol, the Government of Bombay has withdrawn, with effect from January 1, 1949, the concession granted to carry 25 per cent. overload on passenger bus services. Further, any temporary overload on stage carriages that may be permitted by the Government in future will be taxed in the same manner as a permanent load, that is, the number of persons a stage carriage is licensed to carry.

SKI-ING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN ARMY OFFICERS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (API.) A skiing school for officers and men of the Indian army will be started at Gulmarg, states a report reaching here today.

The school is designed to train 120 officers and men during winter.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, December 31. The Governor of Bombay received Mr. M. R. Meher.

Major-General and Mrs. J. N. Chaudhuri ond Captain Bijai Singh came to lunch.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh gave a Party to their Staff and Establishment children at Government House.

MORARJI DESAI

BOMBAY, December 31. (A.P.I.): Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Bombay, will leave for Poona by the 'Deccan Queen' on Sunday, January 2. Mr. Desai will visit the national Cadet Corps Training Camps at Aundh and Poshan on January 3, return the same evening to Bombay by the Poona Express.

ASAF ALI'S MESSAGE TO LADY HYDARI

CUTTACK, December 31, (U.P.I.): Mr. Asaf Ali, Governor of Orissa, has sent a message of condolence to Lady Hydari on the sudden death of Sir Akbar Hydari, Governor of Assam.

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD

NEW DELHI, December 31, (U. P. I.): According to latest information received here, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Constituent Assembly of India who was expected here during this week from Wardha, has again postponed his departure for Delhi. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, it is reported, intends to stay at Wardha for some more days in order to fully recoup his health which is gradually Improving.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR

CALCUTTA, December 31, (A.P.I.): The national Government was anxious to do everything possible to improve the health of the people of India, which was extremely low, said Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister of India, opening the main bloc of the Chittaranjan Seva Sadan (women's hospital) in Calcutta today.

SIR MANILAL NANAVATI

HYDERABAD (Dn.), December 31, (U.P.I.): Sir Manilal Nanavati was elected President of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics at a meeting of the general body of the Society held this morning at the Osmania University Hall.

MOHANLAL SAXENA

LUCKNOW, December 31. (U. P. I.): Shri Mohanlal Soksena, Relief and Rehabilitation Minister of the Government of India, arrived here this morning. He is leaving for Benares tomorrow morning whence he leaves for Allahabad to attend the marriage ceremony of the daughter of Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador in Moscow.

Shri Saksena said that some of the refugees were going back to their homes in Eastern Pakistan.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

HAVE YOU OBTAINED YOUR CLOTH COUPONS?

For the convenience of the public, cloth coupons are now being delivered from the foodgrains ration shops. Every week a group of shops in each Ward Rationing Area is taken up for this purpose.

Delivery of cloth coupons at the following shops will commence from Sunday, January 2, 1949 upto Saturday, January 8, 1949.

Is your foodgrains Ration Shop No. in the list? If so, and if you have not yet obtained your cloth coupons, please obtain them when you draw your foodgrains rations during the week.

WORKING DAYS:—These shops will remain open on Sunday, January 2, 1949, and remain closed on Monday, January 3, 1949.

TIME:—Working hours at these shops during the week will be—

Ration Shops.	Govt. Grain Shops	Co-operative and Communal Stores
8-30 A.M. to 11-30 A.M. and 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.	8-30 A.M. to 12 noon and 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.	Usual timings observed by these Stores.

PLEASE NOTE:—DELIVERY OF CLOTH COUPONS FROM WARD OFFICES HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. YOU SHOULD NOT THEREFORE GO TO THE WARD RATIONING OFFICE FOR OBTAINING CLOTH COUPONS.

LIST OF SHOPS

A WARD—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 1, 12, 13, 349, 353, 426, 428 and 479.

B WARD—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 36, 62, 385, 413, 472.
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 47.
CO-OPERATIVE STORES—Nos. 29 and 116.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 44.

C WARD—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64, 384, 403, 511, and 597.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 56 and 65.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 47, 109.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 123 and 152.

D WARD—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 129, 141, 162, 370, 450 and 544.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 8 and 41.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 17, 89, 43, 105 and 115.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 194 and 247.

E (EAST)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 167, 226, and 399.
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 51. CO-OP. STORES—No. 1.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 53, 170 and 226.

E (WEST)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 95, 104, 105, 110, 150, 392, 522, 548 and 555.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 35.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 71, 72, 179 and 222.

F (NORTH)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 207, 252.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 19, 34, 60 and 64.
CO-OP. STORES—Nos. 8 and 60.

F (SOUTH)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 240, 241, 243, 244, 441 and 458.

G (NORTH)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 283, 284, 286, 289, 290, 292, 296 and 360.
CO-OP. STORE—No. 71.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOPS—Nos. 82, 83 and 160.

G (SOUTH)—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. 302, 303, 304, 305, 306 and 308.

BANDRA—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. B/5, B/6, B/7, B/8, B/9 and B/44.
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 5.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 26.

PARLE-ANDHERI—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. A/1, A/5, and A/21.
COMMUNAL STORES—Nos. 4 and 6.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 205.

KURLA—
RATION SHOPS—Nos. K/1, K/2, K/12 and K/13.
CO-OP STORE—No. 16.

GHATKOPAR—
COMMUNAL STORE—No. 2.
GOVT. GRAIN SHOP—No. 213.

The Bombay Chronicle

So sinks the day-star in its ocean bed,
And yet anon repairs its drooping head,
And tricks its beams, and with new-spa ngled ore
Flames in the forehead of the morning sky.

—MILTON

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

The note of tragedy struck by 1947 which saw the partition of India, was continued, heavily underscored, by 1948 which began almost with the assassination of Gandhiji. If there is one thing which marks it out from other years, it is the shadow of death—violent death. Its months have been punctuated by the passing away of one leader after another. And violence has claimed three other victims—Count Folke Bernadotte in Palestine; Aung San in Burma; Nokrashy Pasha in Egypt. India herself has lost many a distinguished son just when she needed all the talent and the virtue which she could command. 1948 is primarily a year of sadness and mourning, national loss and to many personal sorrow. But it would a betrayal of the trust handed down to the living by those who are no more, if the sum total of the accounting were to be dismissed as loss. 1948 has also been in no small degree a year of achievement, of steadfast surmounting of difficulties, and of patient building of sound foundations. No doubt it has been a year of disillusionment but then it has also been a year of serious heart-searching, of honest revaluations. If the leaden hours of 1948 have been an ordeal, it is yet something that we have emerged from it, not unscathed but infinitely wiser. We have learnt our lessons and in matters that are vital to national well-being and to the common good, we need never go to school again.

For if one thing stands out more than any other among the lessons of the year, it is the fact that there can be no peace for India, no hope of progress, so long as communalism casts its lingering shadow over its children. "The Government of India", said Pandit Jawaharlal, "is determined not to tolerate communalism, provincialism or separatism in any form." On this issue, indian nationalists stand solid together. The force behind these words lies in the promise for the morrow. Communalism has done its worst but it is not by any means a spent force. Where the advantage lies with Naticnalism is in the fact that it has realised the utter folly of expecting to reach a compromise with communalism, of the positive danger of any attitude of tolerance towards those who oppose to the national interest the narrow, selfish, loyalty to a group or section. Nor is it in words alone that the Government of India has declared its policy. The issue has already been joined, and the year that opens out before us will surely see it followed to its conclusion.

In another sphere, the unity of India has been substantially advanced —that of the Indian States. How keenly public opinion felt on this matter may be gauged from the remark of the Congress President that he only regarded India's freedom as attained on September 17—the day when Hyderabad submitted to the Indian Union. The recent visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Hyderabad and the welcome accorded him from all sections of the people have done even more than the Nizam's abandoning of resistance achieved. It has strengthened the bonds of union between India and Hyderabad and set the leaders of that State on the path of co-operation and unity. What has been rather spectacularly achieved in Hyderabad, has been done in a quieter manner with the other Indian States. The process of integration has been completed in the first stage, and the land has been cleared for the democratisation which forms the other half of the Union Government's policy. The New Year sees Kashmir alone as the outstanding problem of the States and there are signs that this too will be resolved, it is hoped, in a short time. Here, as in the communal sphere, India is in the stage of emerging out of her dark period.

A more uphill task is the question of achieving peace in industry and trade. The Government has repeated its desire to usher in a truce at least but there is no sign of an adequate response from the two parties concerned. Yet here too with a firmer attitude developing on the Government side, there are bright prospects of securing compliance, if not understanding. The appeal to the larger national interest which overrides the claims of either party has failed to evoke the necessary response, and it is unlikely that the Government will continue indefinitely relying on a general good sense which does not show itself. On the food front, the outlook is far from satisfactory, the Government's numerous projects and proposals to increase production all calling for much more time than is generally laid down. The bibilical "seven lean years", it would seem, have to be passed through, and 1949 threatens to be about the leanest of the lean. But the control of distribution and the enforcement of austerity will ward off the worst evils of food shortage. In this much depends on the people who must stir themselves to sustained effort.

In the International sphere, India has reason to be proud of real achievement. With the acceptance of office by the Congress, the first attention went to the despatch of representatives to foreign countries—a move which was criticised in some quarters. Here the personnel mattered less than the fact that India was pursuing a definite foreign policy and as concrete proof of her interest was insisting on sending her own representatives to foreign countries. By this act, she stepped out of the role of a Dominion and established a claim to independence. It has been marked by British students of Commonwealth politics that Dominions failed in this very quality which was so essential to an independent nation—an active interest in foreign affairs. Even the Governments of those Dominions which had insisted on their right to a separate declaration of war, had not troubled to interest themselves in policies preceding war, and there was even less enthusiasm among their peoples. The Indian attitude, it was clearly established by the Government from the very outset, was entirely different. Raised to Dominionhood by the 1947 Act, she established effectively her intention not to rest there—not by speeches but by appointing her foreign representatives. It is in this context that the most important international event of the year for India—the visit of her Prime Minister to London in connection with the Dominion Premiers' Conference—must be seen. The year we have now entered will see India's decision on the subject of her relations with the Commonwealth countries. It will certainly not be a Dominion relation: nor on the other hand, will it mean complete severance of Commonwealth ties.

In the United Nations, there is not much to report of achievement—not because of India's failure but because of the failures of the United Nations itself. A unit in an organisation cannot hope to do better than the organisation itself. But as among the foremost of those nations which have upheld the prestige and honour of the United Nations—often under difficult and provoking conditions—India has won the regard of her colleagues. She has all along stood for racial equality, the rights of the oppressed and the ending of colonialism. She has kept scrupulously aloof from blocs and unions. She has observed an independent attitude on all issues that came up for hearing before the United Nations. And in all this she has kept steadily before her the cause of Asian nations and their interests. In the Indonesian struggle, she has without hesitation offered a helping hand to the struggling Republic and, in association with Australia, has induced Britain to pursue a more liberal policy. For a country new-born to nationhood, these are not mean achievements but they seem small against the ineffectiveness of the United Nations. If 1948 has been a year of struggle in the field of international achievement, it has been not fruitless struggle.

The sorrows of 1948 are of the past. They have left deep scars on the nation but, when all is said and done, they are now scars where they were gaping wounds. What does 1949 hold in store for the country? Progress or stagnation? The answer to this lies not in the fluttering pages of a calendar but on the people, their capabilities, their exertions. Dr. S. Radkhishanan observed only the other day that with her manpower and her natural resources, India had it in her to be a great nation. Mobilising of her men, harnessing her resources, and, above all, building national character strong and disciplined—these were the tasks to which the people should devote themselves Ali this cannot be accomplished in a brief year. It is asking too much and that means disilusionment, frustration and a falling back. Wha can be looked for in 1949 is that the foundations might be well laid. If that can be done, it will mean much, alsmost everything. And there is no reason why it cannot be done.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

CALCUTTA, December 30, (A.P.I.): Mr. M. N. Roy declared at the concluding session of the All-India Radical Democratic Party Conference yesterday that, though the Radical Party had transformed itself into a wider movement, not confined to a political party, its founders and members should participate in various activities, including politics.

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Americans, reports a news agency, are puzzled over the definition of the word "Democracy". Teachers and professors are "trying" to supply a meaning.

This is baffling . Democracy, as we have learnt from observation rather study, is a stick to beat the other fellow with.

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The adjective "democratic", when applied to a nation, is a licence to do anything and everything which you could not do if you were not "democratic".

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In world politics, it means not Communist; in America, it means patriotic; in Britain, it means pro the party in power; in Europe anti-Communist; in China, it means a watching brief, condemning both Communists and Nationalists.

In short, the definition depends on who defines it.

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Australia's stand at the Security Council has been strongly condemned by "several Australian newspapers" which maintain that the presence of the Dutch in Indonesia is necessary for the continuation of the "White Australia" policy.

They seem to have worke up rather late to realising their kinship with the Dutch.

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Col. Hodgson, however, is the wiser man. He sees that doing justice in Indonesia is necessary for the continued existence of Australia, without which there can be neither "White Australia" nor a "White Australia" policy.

Evidently the Australian racialists have drawn strength from Britain's last act of association with Franco-Belgian support of the Dutch.

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The two-point rise in the cost of living index in Bombay for November, we are informed, was due to a rise in the prices of some articles during the period following the cyclone.

A clear case of some people making hay whilst the sun did not shine.

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Mr. Jayprakash Narain has advised the middle classes to make common cause with Labour if they desired better prospects for themselves.

The Socialist Leader, alas, has not understood what he is asking when he requires the middle classes to give up their identity. As the "middle"—often the undistributed middle—these classes are now entitled to share in the advantages of both Capital and Labour.

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"To better their prospects"— now Mr. Jayprakash betrays his own middle class mind by the phrase!—they are asked to give up their hopes with the Capitalists. In other words, they must "stoop to conquer."

Why not ask Labour to sympathise with the middle classes and "make common cause with" them? Here is real "bettering of prospects".

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

BY "CITIZEN"

To all the readers of this column, to all those interested in civic affairs and above all, to the millions of harassed and suffering citizens of this great metropolis, "Citizen" wishes a Happy New Year. The year that ended yesterday has been remarkable in more than one respect. It was the first complete calendar year in Independent India. In the municipal history of this city that year will be long remembered for having been the year in which for the first time elections to the city Corporation on the basis of adult franchise were held. Bombay has always been in the vanguard of national struggle and it was in the fitness of things that the first opportunity for the extension of franchise and introduction of broadbased democracy should fall to the lot of this city.

ADULT FRANCHISE

This city has shown that it deserves that honour fully. The beginning of the year was marred by that ghastly tragedy which removed from our midst the Father of our Nation. Within less than three weeks of that overwhelming national tragedy, a million adult voters were called upon to elect their representatives from the 34 city wards. Over a third of them exercised their right. It is true that two out of every three voters abstained from voting, but when we bear in mind the facts that it was the first occasion when adult franchise was introduced, that the lists of voters were far from perfect, and in a city of shifting population like Bombay thousands of those whose names appeared on the rolls had left the city, and 70 per cent of our population is still illiterate, even a one-third poll cannot be considered to be a bad beginning. In fact compared to some western countries, where the first poll after the introduction of adult franchise was less than 25 per cent, we have decidedly done better. But what is still more heartening is the growing civic consciousness among our citizens and their keen desire to use their right to vote. As a recent bye-election in a city ward revealed 25 per cent poll on a working day was a record which shows definite improvement. A few more bye-elections which are in the offing, properly fought on party lines may show still further improvement in this respect and these green rehearsals may prepare the citizen of Bombay to exercise his franchise more energetically during the forthcoming general elections.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

A proper annual review of the work of the new Corporation will have to wait till the official year is over. Since the last quarter of that year is yet to run and as it is that quarter that will be more important than the previous three quarters, for, in this last quarter, the Budget for the coming year will be discussed and new policies for the work in the next twelve months will be laid down, it will not be fair to pass any judgment just now. A quick glance over the period of nine months already completed will, however, not be out of place. When I began this weekly review some fourteen weeks back, I gave figures of meetings and the attendance of members for the first five months, April to August, and pointed out that, on an average, 87 out of the 117 members of the House were attending the weekly meetings. It worked out at 75 per cent of the total and was surely a good indication of the interest the new House was taking in its work, especially when this was compared with the negligence of the old House in this particular respect. A similar analysis for the last quarter of 1948 shows a decline in attendance. The average for these three months has fallen to 78 which is exactly two-thirds of the total number. A ten per cent fall in attendance from what it was in the first half of the year shows that interest has begun to lack. Let us hope matters will improve with the beginning of the new year when the city fathers can influence the policies to be followed in the coming year and gave definite directives to the Executive as to how the funds at the disposal of the Corporation should be expended. A great responsibility rests on the Opposition, whom the city will expect to make constructive suggestions for improving the lot of the common man who has been waiting long for civic amenities.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

There was a distinct fall in the number of special meetings in the closing months of the year. Such meetings had become regular feature in the earlier part of the year and had invited a good deal of criticism. Curiously enough one such special meeting had to be convened recently for adopting a proposal to present a civic address to the Governor-General when he visits the city towards the end of next week. In the earlier part of the year the city gave such addresses to the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and the Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. A proposal for a similar honour to be done to Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, once a distinguished citizen of Bombay for a number of years and now the Governor of the United Provinces has been before the Corporation. One, however, wonders when the city will have the pleasure of welcoming the only woman Governor in the country whose many services to this city do entitle her to claim a civic reception from Bombay.

MUNICIPAL EATING-HOUSES

The revised Budget Estimates for the year 1949-50 as framed and finally approved by the Standing Committee have now been circulated to the members and are included as an item in the January agenda of the House which has just been published. A feature of this first agenda of the New Year is the very small number of notices of motions submitted by the members. Evidently the fact that suggestions made in the past have been hanging fire for months seems to have acted as a damper on the enthusiasm of the city fathers to come forward with new proposals. Although the number of new proposals this time is small, at least a couple of them do deserve mention. A Socialist member has drawn attention to the grave danger to the city's health caused by the unhygienic manner in which cooked food is supplied to the citizens in the eating houses, and has demanded more stringent enforcement of rules for cleanliness in such places. The same proposal also suggests the appointment of a Committee to prepare a scheme for starting at least a few Model Eating Houses to be run by the Municipality to supply clean and healthy food at moderate rates and thus to set a better standard for such establishments in the city.

ALSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The other proposal coming from another member of the same group relates to the need of municipal school buildings. It is not the first time that the suggestion is being made but let us hope it will be the last in the sense that something tangible will be done on this occasion. The dingy, unclean and ricketty structures in which the coming generation of our citizens is be-

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Chiang's Offer

The Generalissimo's offer to resign if the Communists were really anxious for an end to civil war is conveyed in a New Year message to the Chinese people. In spite of the language, this is a promise not a stand in the way of Chinese unity. It is true that Chiang has been forced to this condition by the failure of expected help from America and Britain—may be, even wrongly expected help. But in the long run it will be to China's good that the fratricidal dispute is being ended by the parties themselves rather than through outside intervention. The protracted technique of reaching a compromise is not a very happy end. After all, China has to settle down to healing the wounds suffered in a long confict and the sooner it does it the better.

A Wise Decision

The report that a resolution is to be brought before the Constituent Assembly for speeding up consideration of the articles of the Draft Constitution relating to elections, will be widely welcomed. An interim arrangement is necessarily unsatisfactory and the sooner it is ended the better for the country. Although the present Government of India is as representative as any Government could be, the fact that there is a constitution in the making gives a lot of room for trouble-makers questioning this Moreover, the Muslim members of the Constituent Assembly rode to power on a wave of communalism, as members of a communal organisation, under conditions that are hoplessly irrelevant to the present day. They represent the community very inadequately. They do not even know their own minds in most matters. This is a handicap to the country which should be corrected as early as possible and we welcome the expediting resolution.

Hyderabad Peace Move

Whilst Swami Ramanand Tirtha is to be congratulated on accepting the suggestions of Pandit Jawaharlal for settling differences with the rival organisation, it is unfortunate that he should have attempted at a public meeting to charge the others with responsibility for a possible failure of the peace move. A leader, who seeks a compromise, should proceed in a spirit of confidence in the scheme, and a hope that it will be successful. The State Congress has been inclined to attribute all manner of mistakes to the leaders of the parallel organisation. One rumour has been disposed of, that the opposition sought to influence the Government of India to compromise with the Laik Ali Ministry. The Tirtha suspicion, we trust, has sprung from political inexperience. It should not be allowed to come in the way of an understanding between the two sections.

News-Print Factory

Last week Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Premier of the Central Provinces laid the foundation of a newsprint and paper-manufacturing factory at Chandni in Khandwa district. This is the first big industrial enterprize in the Central Provinces which is being launched with the active support of the C.P. Government in pursuance of its industrial policy. The Nepa Mills (National Newsprint and Paper Mills) as it is called was described by the C.P. Premier as the first newsprint factory in India. There has been, in the last few years, a considerable increase in the number of newspapers in India and, with the rapid expansion of free and compulsory education and secondary and higher education, their number will increase further. There will, therefore, be increasing demand for newsprint. There is hence no reason why this pioneering enterprize in seeking to make India self-sufficient as regards newsprint should not succeed.

Socialist Fears

The resolution adopted by the Socialist Party Executive on India's relations with the Commonwealth covers familiar ground. In stressing the many defects of the Commonwealth, the resolution says nothing that is new, nothing that has not already been pointed out. What the resolution fails to deal with is the question whether the Commonwealth can be made better by India getting away from it entirely or by India working with other Commonwealth nations for its improvement. Nobody has suggested for a moment that India should acquiesce in racialism and imperialism nor is it quite accurate to assume that association with the Commonwealth will mean acquiescence. It is regrettable that a party which claims for itself the role of an opposition should discuss a problem of this magnitude with more heat than light. Much has been made of Britain's wrong attitude at the United Nations being sufficient reason for India's severing all ties with the Commonwealth. But there is little notice paid to the fact that India, away from the Commonwealth, could not by any chance take a more independent stand than she has even now been taking. If association with Commonwealth countries does not interfere either with India's fight against colonialism and racialism or with India's independent, sovereign, republican status, then it is a bit of bravado to shout for severance of all ties from the house-tops.

Civil Liberties Conference

The Bombay Provincial Civil Liberties Conference, which will hold its session today under the presidentship of Prof. P. A. Wadia, indicates a healthy trend in our public life. The Conference is being held under the auspices of the Bombay Civil Liberties Union which was itself inaugurated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1936. The object of the Conference is stated to be "to assist in the maintenance of civil liberties including freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of association, personal liberty and liberty of conscience". This is a necessary as well as laudable object. The first Bombay Provincial Civil Liberties Conference, which was held under the presidentship of Mr. M. C. Setalvad, did very valuable work. Now we have a Government of our own pledged to establish democracy. Democracy can only thrive in an atmosphere of free discussion and constructive criticism. For eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

How To Make Central Library Attractive

Sir,—Now that under the Bombay Library Development Scheme we have a Central Library at Bombay, Regional Libraries at Dharwar, Ahmedabad and Poona and 16 district libraries all over the province it is pertinent that we reflect awhile upon the past achievement with a view to see if we could have more efficient library service in the future with some basic changes in the policies.

The main hall of the Central Library at Bombay is so spacious and magnificent to look at and is situated in a central locality that one rarely fails to be impressed by the set up at first sight. But on entering the hall, however, and taking a look around, one is tempted to be discouraged by the conspicuous absence of books. One is still more discouraged at the sight of a couple of persons in one corner labouring with a number of bound catalogues and jotting down complicated reference numbers to be handed over to the enquiry clerk to get the books he wants to consult; at another corner amidst numerous chairs and tables one lonely man noting down points from a book and a very few number standing before the daily newspaper stands scaning hurriedly the news presumably because they get tired by long standing.

It may be easy to explain away the lack of activity in the library as due to apathy on the part of the people for reading. But it has to be admitted that the response from the public would have been greater had there been simplified library techniques and better facilities made available to the reading public.

Under the present arrangement it is not possible for the public freely to go and select books from the shelves since the books are shelved in the Royal Asiatic Society and not the Central Library hall. Books arranged on open sneives around the wall of the Central Library Hall, with the public afforded free access to them without having to go through the formalities of written requests, charge sheets etc., will prove to be a silent invitation for the people to help themselves. The only snag in the system is the possibility of some books being pilfered by some unscrupulous people. This could very well be guarded against by employing a vigilant clerk to act as a receptionist at the entrance.

The present cataloging and classification system needs to be thoroughly overhauled if we want our public libraries to be of real use to the reading people. The system of cataloging and classification chosen should be simple and easily understandable. The present classification involves the use of capital letters, small letters and numbers. It should be replaced by the Dewey Decimal Classification system. It has several advantages over the others. Numbers range from 0 to 1000 only. These numbers are roughly divided into ten divisions embracing all the subjects These ten divisions are capable of sub-divisions to an unlimited extent to suit the size of the library collection. It involves the use of no lettering. Separate author, title and subjects catalogues always have a tendency to confuse the public in their selection of books. A combined author-title-subject catalogue will better help the visitor to make his selections. And if this takes the shape of a card catalogue, short annotations consisting of not more than a sentence or two added to the cards will still better facilitate easy and quick selection by the public.

The present arrangement in the newspaper and periodicals section necessitates standing for quite a long time by the public. This could be obviated by the provision of magazine racks with slanting planks fixed three inches above horizontal planks, such as can be seen at the American library in the city. The current magazines can be exhibited on the slanting planks and back numbers placed on the horizontal ones. A dozen or more chairs and tables nearby will enable the public to relax and read comfortably. Newspaper files hung on stands as exhibited in the American library would again prove to be far more convenient to the public.

It is fervently hoped that the Curator of Libraries will be able to give thoughtful consideration to the above suggestions. It should be borne in mind that education is the cornerstone of a democracy and libraries being the storehouse of knowledge they are rightly considered as the heart of the educational system of a land. As such libraries are entitled to ask for a fair share of the revenue from the Government. The Government at the present time foregoes crores of rupees due to the enforcement of prohibition. Prohibition is good but without a well organized educational system prohibition in the sense of physical prevention of drinks will only embitter the mind and lead it to other vices. Hence the provision of well equipped free public libraries for the people demands equal priority to prohibition.—Yours etc.,

K. P. GANAPATHY

Plight Of Indians In Kuwait

Sir,—Day to-day's life in Kuwait is deteriorating so far as Indians there are concerned. There is a C.I.D. behind every worker. There is the threat of discharge and repatriation. Letters are being censored and action taken against the individual whom the letters belong. What more a pitiable condition should prevail for an employee? There is no peace of mind in Kuwait for anyone of the Indian employees, no humane treatment, no complaint entertained and what can the poor people do? They are virtually imprisoned in a foreign place. Many of the able men have been deported from the soil irrespective of their merit or service. Telegrams, representations and publicity through papers have already been tried. But, alas! our Government has not yet prepared to take any effective steps to have the grievances against the Capitalists redressed.—Yours, etc.,

P. K PADMANABHAN.

Kurla.

Prize Bonds And After

Sir,—Now that the final draw for the Government of India's Prize Bonds is over and as there is no further chance for winning any prize, the holders will naturally like to encash these and thus realise only what they spent over it

I, therefore, take this opportunity to suggest to those of your readers who hold these Bonds that they can still derive an added advantage for their money instead of getting only what they paid for.

After encashing these Bonds at the office of issue, better buy a National Savings Certificate from any Post Office. These are available in three series of 5, 7, and 12 years duration, yielding an interest at the rate of 3 per cent, 3-1/2 per cent and 4-1/6 per cent respectively after the period of maturity. One can buy a National Savings Certificate in various denominations of Rs. 5 to Rs. 5,000 with individual limit of personal holding raised to Rs. 25,000. The amount thus invested is used well and wisely. Every Rs. 10 invested today becomes Rs. 15 at maturity and the interest earned is free of Income-tax. You can also encash 5 and 7 year Certificates at any time.

At present these are considered as the best and safest kind of investment and a secure provision against future contingencies.

It is also a loan at a decent interest advanced to your own Government to be utilized for National Reconstruction, as an anti-inflationary measure and for other Nation building activities.

So if you cash away your Prize Bonds it is likely that you will spend the whole amount soon and hardly realize half of your money's worth at present but if you save now and convert your cash into a National Savings Certificate it will definitely buy more goods later.

Incidentally I recommend to my refugee brethern as a help towards their re-habilitation, to save whatever bit they can; even so small a sum as a four anna piece and buy a 4 anna savings stamp with it, regularly.

For further particulars enquiries may be made at the National Savings Office, west Churchgate Stations.—

N. MANSUKHANI.

Yours, etc.,
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S. I. R. DEPUTATION TO RAILWAY MINISTER

MADRAS, Dec. 31. (A.P.I.): It is learnt a deputation led by Messrs. K. Ramakrishna and V. S. Ramanathan, Vice-President and General Secretary respectively of the Central Executive of the S. I. Railway Employees' Association, met the Railway Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswami Iyengar, yesterday and represented to him certain grievances of the railwaymen.

The Railway Minister, gave a sympathetic hearing to the deputation, assured them that he would keep their representations in mind before arriving at final decision.

OPEN AIR

Belonging to the same family as the Potato, Tobacco and Chillie, we have a common weed called the Thorn Apple or Datura, which we find growing in every waste patch of ground. The Thorn Apple grows to a height of about two to three feet. It has very angularly lobed, simple leaves, and the flowers appear in the angles of the stems. These flowers, which are funnel-shaped, are pure white in colour and give out a strong scent. They open in the evening just as the sun sets, and their snowy-whiteness together with their scent attract the night-flying moths which hover before them as they push their long tubular tongues inside to draw out the sweet honey from the base of the flower. In taking the honey the moths at the same time help the plant by transferring the pollen from the stamens of one flower and, as they visit the next, by dropping it on the stigma, thus pollinating the flower as they feed themselves. The seeds are encased in the thorny green capsule which gives the plant its name of Thorn Apple in English. Like a number of the plants in this family, the Thorn Apple is strongly poisonous, but it is used in a number of medicines particularly for nervous ailments.

D. R.

Weekes Equals World Record

FOUR CONSECUTIVE TEST CENTURIES

West Indies Recover After Bad Start

GHULAM AHMED & BANNERJI PROVE SUCCESSFUL

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31 (API); The magnificent Everton Weekes today equalled world record held jointly by Australian Fingleton and South African Alan Melville of scoring four consecutive hundreds in Test cricket. Before he came to India Weekes had got 141 against England when the M.C.C. had last visited the West Indies. His three innings against India yielded him three more hundreds—128 at Delhi, 194 at Bombay and now 162 at Calcutta. With his genius and brilliance he may yet be the only batsman in the world to score five consecutive Test centuries.

Making a fine recovery after losing two wickets for 29 runs, the West Indies ended up the first day's play in the third Test match with a total of 339 for seven wickets here today.

In reaching this satisfactory position on a pitch where most critics had predicted a "fifty-fifty" chance for either team, the West Indies had to thank their star batsman, Everton Weekes, who scored his third successive century in three Tests. Following up his 128 in the first Test at Delhi and 194 in the second Test at Bombay, he today played what was, undoubtedly, his best innings in the whole tour.

Joining Walcott at a time when the new India test "cap", Sudhansu Banerjee, was proving deadly with his accurate in and outswingers, Weekes first played a watchful game, getting his first 50 in 68 minutes, and then as though to give the later batsmen greater confidence, he opened out and obtained his next 50 in 47 minute, claiming no less than seventeen fours in his hundred.

The fact that the Indian attack was accurate was proved by Amarnath's figures of 20 overs for 34 runs and Ghulam Ahmeds 28 overs for 83 runs. Nevertheless, Weekes went on scoring at the rate of a run a minute, obtaining altogether 162 runs in 175 minutes, compared to the 177 scored by the other six batsmen during the whole day. No other batsmen among the West Indies caught the eye except, possibly, Walcott who, just when he was getting into his stride, after scoring a watchful 50 was brilliantly taken at short squareleg by Banerjee. The latter, thus, had a satisfactory first day on his Test debut with three wickets captured for 105 runs, besides taking one excellent catch.

The Indian ground fielding was good and not a single catch was missed during the day. Impressive too, was the performance behind the wickets of P. Sen who did not give a single bye.

Today's score of 339 for seven by the West Indies compares with their 256 for two made on the first day of the Bombay Test. During the last two hours of the game, Goddard and the batsmen who followed, him showed little enterprise and they concentrated on keeping their wickets intact.

The West Indies had to make a last-minute change in their batting order, which explains how Atkinson came to open the innings with Rae.

Stollmeyer who had been included in the side announced last night, had a touch of fever and it was decided shortly before play began that Carew should take his place and open with Rae. When Goddard won the toss, however, it was found that Carew had not arrived at the ground, he apparently being unaware that he would be needed to open the innings. Meanwhile, Carew was sent for and Atkinson was sent in to open the innings with Rae. The experiment proved disastrous to the West Indies as Atkinson was out for a duck in the first over.

A crowd of nearly 30,000 packed the entire amnitheatre today from end to end and there was considerable overflow both inside and outside the enclosure. They witnessed an eventful days' cricket in which the interest never flagged right up to the end.

Amarnath lost the toss—for the third time in succession during the present test series—and India went in to field when the third test match began at the Eden Garden grounds this morning. The weather was pleasant, with a mild sun drying up the dew that had fallen during the early morning hours.

Every seat in the stands, providing accommodation for over 25,000 was occupied when Amarnath and Goddard, the West Indies captain went up to inspect the pitch, which appeared to be slightly on the soft side.

Stollmever having a touch of fever was omitted from the West Indies team and Carew took his place.

Following are the teams:—

WEST INDIES:— J. D. Goddard, P. Jones, G. E. Gomez, W. Ferguson, F. J. Cameron, C. Walcott, R. Christiani, D. Atkinson, E. Weekes, Carew and A. Rae. (Rickards (twelfth man).

INDIA:— L. Amarnath, V. S Hazare, R. S. Modi, V. Mankad, Ghulam Ahmed, K. C. Ibrahim, S. Mushtaqali, S Bannerjee, H. R. Adhikari, P. Sen and C. T. Sarwate, M. R. Rege (twelfth man).

West Indies made a disastrous start against the bowling of Shudhanshu Banerjee, tall right—handed medium-fast bowler, who began from the High Court end to left-handed Rae. Rae played the first two balls from Banerjee back to the bowler and then took a single to midon off the third. Atkinson who opened the innings with Rae in the absence of Stollmeyer was clean-bowled by the last ball of Banerjee's first over. The ball appeared to swing in appreciably and completely beat the "babe" of the West Indies team, the first wicket falling with only one run on the board. A roar of cheers went up from the crowd as the Indian team met with their initial success and the cheers were continued, when Walcott, the star batsman of the visiting team strode up to the wicket. Amarnath bowled from the maidan end and conceded a single to Rae in his first over. The determination of the Indian captain to make the utmost use of Banerjee's swing while the ball was still new was indicated by the fact that he had a cluster of fielders close in for Rae on both sides of the wicket but the field spread out to Walcott. Banerjee was swinging the ball both ways and was frequently beating the batsman. In his third over he missed Walcott's stumps by the fraction of an inch and Walcott escaped an appeal for lbw from the same bowler in the next over.

Rae and Walcott set about retrieving the early disaster by playing careful and cautious cricket but in Amarnath's fifth over Walcott survived a confident appeal for a catch on the legside from Sen. Runs continued to come fast and then India dealt the West Indies another blow. When the score was 28 Rae was beaten by an inswinger from Bannerjee in his seventh over and the appeal for lbw was upheld. Rae had batted half an hour for his fifteen and the second wicket fell at 28. Thereafter Weekes and Walcott coming together inexorably collared the Indian bowling and sent up 50 on board after the play had lasted only 45 minutes. Weekes opened his account by executing a superb squarecut off Bannerjee on whom he was rather severe. In his next over Weekes sent him to the ropes with crashing drives oft successive deliveries. He first drove him straight to the screen and then got his third four by driving the same bowler to the longon boundary. Then after Walcott had driven two more fours with punishing strokes the first change was made at 69 when Hazare was tried for Amarnath whose spell of nine overs had cost him only fourteen runs while at the other end Ghulam Ahmed took over from Bannerjee whose two wickets had cost him 54 runs in ten overs. Walcott was now playing grand cricket and drove Hazare with an effortless drive through the covers and soon got into the forties. After conceding fourteen runs in three overs Hazare also made way for Mankad but the left hander made no impression on the batsmen who continued to play freely. The wicket was now playing easy allowing the batsmen ample time to make strokes and the West Indies batsmen were now not slow in taking advantage of this fact.

Another huge roar of cheers went up when Walcott completed his faultless fifty in a stay of 80 minutes with six fours as his principle strokes in a total of 98 and soon after 100 were registered after the innings had been in progress for 85 minutes. Walcott's score then was 52 and Weekes's 33. Thereafter Mankad struck a accurate length keeping the batsmen tied down and checking the rate of scoring while at the other end Ghulam Ahmed was making them turn a lot causing the batsmen to exercise the greatest caution when playing forward. Then Weekes jumped out and drove Mankad past cover for a grand four but Walcott in playing forward defensively to Ghulam Ahmed lifted the ball to short squareleg where Bannerjee running in took a brilliant one-handed catch going head over heels in the attempt but fastening on to the ball. Walcott had batted in confident style for 103 minutes during which he had given a bright display of back-footed driving and hit six fours in his 54. The third wicket fell at 109 and the partnership had realised 80 runs in 70 minutes of which Weekes claimed forty.

Gomez now joined Weekes and Amarnath brought on Bannerjee in place of Mankad from the maidan end but Gomez turned the Bengal bowler for a three to leg. Mankad had bowled five overs of which two were maidens conceding fourteen runs for no wicket. Weekes was severe on anything that was not directed at the wickets and with a three to longon off Ghulam Ahmed, Weekes also completed his 51 in a total of 126. He had taken only 68 minutes to accomplish this feat and thirty-two of them had come as the result of boundaries. With five minutes left for lunch, Amarnath himself came on in place of Ghulam Ahmed, whose one wicket had cost him 27 runs in ten overs, but failed to effect a separation and when lunch was taken the score was 134 for three wickets, Weekes batting 56 and Gomez batting 9.

Weekes started off in brilliant style when play was resumed after lunch and executing several superb strokes all round the wicket Weekes caused 150 to appear on board after the innings had lasted only 130 minutes. Ghulam Ahmed and Bannerjee opened the attack and Weekes with a grand drive to extracover sent Bannerjee to the ropes following up with another sparkling squarecut off Ghulam Ahmed to register 150 after play had lasted only 130 minutes. Weekes had made 70 and Gomez eleven at that stage.

Then Mankad took over from Bannerjee and Weekes pulled him to the squareleg boundary and a little later sent the left-hander to the ropes with a crashing squarecut.

Gomez who was completely overshadowed by his more brilliant partner nevertheless got a four with a grand squarecut at Ghulam's expense and then drove the Hyderabad bowler straight to the screen for the second four in one over. But then facing Mankad, Gomez was completely beaten at 188 for 26 made in a stay of 35 minutes. The fourth wicket fell at 188.

Carew joined Weekes who continued to play brilliant cricket and when Hazare took over from Ghulam Ahmed at 188 he hit him for ten runs in one over, including two superb fours one to extra cover and the other to long-on to complete his chanceless 102 after occupying the crease for exactly 115 minutes with the aid of seventeen fours. The total then was 198. With a four to midon Carew sent up 202 after the innings had lasted 155 minutes, Weekes then being 102 and Carew four. Carew got another four off Mankad to cover and then Amarnath brought Banerjee back in place of Hazare at 206 with the new ball but Weekes got him away to the longon for another four. Amarnath operated from the other end, but after bowling only one over made way for Hazare at 216. Weekes got two more fours in one over from Hazare with a cover drive and squarecut.

Amarnath displaced Bannerjee who crossed over to the other end to replace Hazare, but runs continued to come steadily. There was no stopping Weekes, who delighted the huge crowd with scintillating stroke-play scoring four after four and was rather partial to the Bengal bowler Bannerjee whom he punished mercilessly. At 237 Mankad took over from Bannerjee whose two wickets had cost him 89 runs in 17 overs and this change met with immediate success. Carew covered up to an armer from Mankad and was out lbw after scoring 11 at 238. Carew was at the wicket for 41 minutes for his 11 and the fifth wicket added 50 runs.

Goddard now partnered Weekes and when Weekes registered 253 on board by pulling Mankad to the longon boundary, his own score was 140 and Goddard's five. The innings then had been in progress for 200 minutes. There was no checking the rate of scoring and at 267 Ghulam Ahmed took over from Amarnath but Weekes completed his 150 in a stay of 175 minutes with 23 fours as his principal strokes in a total of 272. A run later Sarwate was tried for the first time vice Mankad, but it was Ghulam Ahmed who broke up the partnership by accepting a hot return from Weekes when that batsman had made 162 after 188 minutes batting with the aid of 24 fours in a total of 284. This was Weekes's third successive century in Test matches, his previous two having been 128 in the first and 194 in the second.

Christiani and Goddard were together when tea was taken at 291 for six wickets.

Play after tea was comparatively dull for a time with Ghulam Ahmed and Bannerjee operating and when 300 went up as the result of 247 minutes batting Goddard's score was 16 and Christiani's 14. Then Christiani obtained two successive fours at the expense of Bannerjee in one over with a powerful straight drive and a hook to leg, but in attempting another pull off Bannerjee he did not connect properly and gave the bowler an easy return in the same manner as Weekes did. Christiani had batted for 23 minutes during which he hit three fours.

The seventh wicket fell at 309. Cameron and Goddard then became associated, but the score crept up slowly and mostly in singles. At 317 Mankad replaced Ghulam Ahmed from the High Court end. The batsmen were content on keeping their ends up without taking any risk whatever and scoring with an occasional single.

Cameron then swept Mankad to the legboundary and then Amarnath took over from Mankad at 332 but the batsmen were showing no enterprise and were content to play out time. When stumps were drawn for the day the West Indies had made 339 for the loss of seven wickets.

SCORE-BOARD

WEST INDIES (First Innings)

A. Rae lbw b Bannerji	15
D. Atkinson b Bannerji	0
C. Walcott c Bannerji b Ghulam Ahmed	54
E. Weekes c and b Ghulam Ahmed	162
G. Gomez b Mankad	26
G. Carew lbw b Mankad	11
J. Goddard batting	22
R. Christiani c and b Bannerji	23
J. Cameron batting	22
Extras	4
Total (for 7 wickets)	339

FALL OF WICKETS:—1-1; 2-29; 3-109; 4-188; 5-238; 6-284 and 7-309.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
S. Bannerji	23	1	105	3
L. Amarnath	20	6	34	0
V. Hazare	5	0	33	0
Ghulam Ahmed	28	4	83	2
V. Mankad	23	5	74	2
C. T. Sarwate	2	0	6	0

UMPIRES — Messrs. A. R. Joshi and B. J. Mohoni.

In the Day's Sport

ATHLETICS.

1 p.m. Karnatak Athletic Sports at the Cooperage.

Stollmeyer Down With Chickenpox

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): J. B. Stollmeyer, Vice-Captain of the West Indies Team, is suffering from chickenpox and has been sent to a hospital.

He had fever last night, necessitating his omission from today's Test. Chickenpox was diagonised this morning and Stollmeyer was immediately isolated from the rest of the team.

Mr. D. P. Lacy, the West Indies Manager, said that Stollmeyer would remain in Calcutta when the team went to Jamshedpur and Allahabad for their next match. The present plans are to pick him up when the team travels south from Allahabad on their way to Madras for the fourth Test.

Trim, the West Indies fast bowler, had suffered from chickenpox at Nagpur and had been isolated from the team. He is fit and well at present here.

Rickards, who is twelfth man in the West Indies team for the third Test, is also suffering from fever, but no complications have been diagonised in his case.

Members of the visiting team were in a happy mood at their hotel this evening when, on returning from the match, they were handed their mail from home—on New Years' Eve, which, according to Mr. Lacy, "is always a great day for us".

CUSTOMS IN DRAWN MATCH

Bombay Hockey League

BOMBAY, Friday.

In today's Division I game on the Association Ground Customs and Lusitanian's "B" shared points each side scoring once.

Lusington, the Customs inside left opened the account for his side and Barretto the Lusis centre forward equalized. There was nothing worth writing home about both sides had a fair amount of exchanges and an equal amount of scoring opportunities. The Lusis youngsters played, well against their more experienced opponents.

In the earlier game another draw resulted both Firestone and Dreamland scored once each King scored for firestone while Nania equalized for Dreamland.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

MELBOURNE, Dec. 31. (Reuter): Victoria were dismissed by South Australia for 281 runs on the opening day of the Sheffield Shield match here to-day. At the close of play, South Australia had lost one wicket for 28 runs.

Victoria made a poor start by losing four wickets for only 56 runs, but then came a fifth wicket stand between Lindsay Hassett (56) and Keith Stockpole (95), who added 109 in 77 minutes.

Hassett played a workmanlike innings, while Stockpole sparkled with adventurous batting and was unfortunate in not reaching his century. He batted two hours and hit eight fours and one six.

The early Victorian batsmen were unsettled by the tall right arm fast medium bowling of Jeff Noblett, who made the ball nip off the pitch with a late swing.

He took three wickets for 48 runs and his successes this season make him a strong candidate for the Australian team to tour South Africa in 1949-50.

In their reply, South Australia lost an early wicket when Ron Hamence, who toured England this summer, was dismissed for ten.

Meanwhile, in Sydney, continuous rain which seeped under the covers and over the wicket prevented any play on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland to-day.

MISS KHANNA IN SINGLES FINAL

National Lawn Tennis Championships

CALCUTTA. Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): Miss P. Khanna moved into the final of the women's singles in the National Lawn Tennis Championships today when she defeated Miss Woodbridge in straight sets. She will now meet Mrs. K. Singh in the final tomorrow.

Dilip Bose and Mrs. K. Singh entered the mixed doubles final, defeating Rama Rao and Miss Woodbridge.

In her match today Miss Khanna played well against a clever oponent. She ran away with a lead of 50 in games in the first set before she conceded two to Miss Woodbridge and finally won the set. In the second set too, she won her first four games dropped one and then won two more for the match.

Dilip Bose and Mrs. Singh were far too versatile for their opponents.

The following were the results:—

LADIES SINGLES (Semi-Finals)

Miss P. Khanna beat Miss L. Woodbridge 6/1 6/2.

MIXED DOUBLES (Semi-Finals)

Dilip K. Bose and Mrs. K. Singh beat N. Rama Rao and Miss L. Woodbridge. 6/4, 6/4.

BOMBAY RETAIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Thackersey In Juniors' Final

COLOMBO, Dec. 31. (A.P.I.): Bombay Province retained their championship of the All-India Provincial Table Tennis meet, first ever to be held in Colombo, Bombay, whose superior skill was never in question during this meet, easily defeated Hyderabad to-day by a sweeping victory of 5—0.

SEMI FINALS.

S. K. Thackersey (Bombay) beat A. Rangaswamy (Hyderabad) 22/20 21/23 21/8; M. S. Raman (Madras) beat S. Babu Khan (Hyderabad) 21/17 19/21 21/25 21/12.

MAHARASHTRA RECOVER AFTER BAD START

All-India Schools Final

POONA, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): After a poor start, in which they lost half the side for 91 runs the Maharashtra schools eleven rallied to finish the day with the magnificent total of 296 for the loss of eight wickets against Saurastra in the final of the All-India Schools Cricket Tournament for the Cooch Behar Trophy which began here today.

Two Maharashtra batsmen, Skipper Dani and Vidhwans were responsible for placing their side in this good position. Helped by three chances, the first soon after he had come in to bat and when his score was only three, and the others at 24 and 107, Dani, who came at the fall of fourth wicket scored 126 before he was caught incidentally he is the first batsman to register a century in this year tournament—while Vidhwans was still batting at the end of the day with 54 runs to his credit. Dani's innings lasted nearly four hours during which he hit twelve fours. He scored all round the wicket. Vidhwans whose 54 were made with the aid of four hits to the boundary has ben batting for 128 minutes.

SPORTS DAY AND PARENTS' DAY AT CHIKHLI

CHIKHLI (Dt. Surat), (By Mail). The D. E. Ttlia Sarvajanik High Schol Chikhli celebrated Sports Day on Dec. 24, with Mr. Fragji Dayabhai in the cahir, and also Parents' Day, presided over by Sjt. Balvantrai Gulabbhai on Dec. 25, Rupees 20,000 were collected as donations to the school fund for the construction of hostels and the other buildings.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

SPRINGBOKS HOLD ENGLAND IN SECOND TEST

(By J. C. MAITRA)

Thanks to a "do or die" effort by Eire Rowan, who has been ironically enough excluded from the Third Test Match against England, South Africa were able to hold the visitors to a creditable draw in the Second Test at Johannesburg.

It will be recalled that England managed to win the First Test with the help of a leg-bye off the last ball of the contest. But in the second they built up a strong position with 602 with the first three batsmen, Len Hutton (158), Cyril Washbrook (195) and Denis Compton (114) scoring a century each. The home team faced very poorly in the first innings and were compelled to follow on. But they succeeded in forcing a draw in the end. This will certainly help to maintain interest in the remaining Tests.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNGSTERS

There is some justification in the complaint of Don Lacey and John Goddard, the Manager and Captain respectively of the West Indies team, that they have to meet the same old players wherever they go. This is not conducive "to bringing the variety of wits out of their troupe and "vice versa". It is more than likely that many unknown stars go out unwept and unsung who would otherwise have added to the stock of Indian cricket."

The obvious reason for this repetition of appearances is that every centre is anxious to put up the strongest combination possible. Otherwise the gate receipts will not be high enough to pay for the expenses of the tourists. Still there is much room for selection of promising youngsters. If the selectors are far-sighted and courageous, they may place greater faith on them than they do at present. That is the only way to bring out new talents and fill up the vacancies created by the retirement and disability of the old hands.

A HOCKEY SENSATION

Ayres J. Francis has created a sensation in the local hockey circles by resigning his managership of the B.P.H.A. all of a sudden. At the instance of President Naval Tata, this new office was created in 1947 with a view to ensuring regular and systematic Management of the Association. Francis was appointed on a year's trial. But the situation did not improve in the least and the B.P.H.A. was in a worse financial plight than before. Lack of co-operation between the officials and the manager was responsible for this.

At the end of the stipulated period the services of Francis were terminated on the ground of economy. But it seems that a rumour was spread by interested parties that his services were dispensed with for other reasons. Aggrieved by this Francis approached the President and Naval had him re-instated. Evidently his opponents did not like the idea and therefore he has been forced to bid "Good bye" to the B.P.H.A.

BALAM WILL WALTZ HOME IN 2,000 GUINEAS

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

The following are my selections for to-day's races:—

1ST RACE:
HONEY BUNCH — Win
GEORGETTE — Next Best

2ND RACE:
GAMBLE FOR LOVE — Win
PRINCESSA — Next Best

3RD RACE:
SIR GALHAD — Win
KOTIDHWAJ — Next Best
if ab. SINHGARH

4TH RACE:
DEEPAK MAHAL — Win
LAXMI VILAS — Next Best

5TH RACE:
FERIAL — Win
KHAN SAHEB — Next Best

6TH RACE:
FLYING ARROW — Win
BAAZ BAHADUR — Next Best

7TH RACE:
BALAM — Win
PRINCE OF RAMGARH — Next Best

8TH RACE:
DU BARRY — Win
ABBESS — Next Best
if ab. SAITA

9TH RACE:
NASRULLAH — Win
WHO'S THAT — Next Best
if ab. KAUMARI

CHOICE TREBLE:
FERIAL
FLYING ARROW
BALAM

FLUKES:
PRIORATE
CHURCHILL.

Acceptances And Selections For Sunday's Races

The following are the acceptances and selections for the Bombay Winter Meeting, Ninth Day to be run on Sunday, 2nd January, 1949.

THE SATARA PLATE. Division II.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Pendragon 8-12; Pavan 8-12; Gang Bhup 8-12; Manzoor 8-12; Trumpeldor 8-12; Basilian 8-12; Trywin 8-12; Dry Day 8-12; Royal Poet 8-12; Desert Kid 8-12 Gipsy Bill 8-12; Marhaba 8-12; The Conqueror 8-12; Montfort 8-12; Lochinvar 8-12.

ROYAL POET — Win
BASILION — Next Best

THE AGRA PLATE.—Distance about 1 1/2 miles.

Ma Cherie 9-0; Chetna 9-0; Desert Hawk 8-11; Battle Out 8-9; Amin 8-1; Parastan 7-11; A.C.C. 7-6; Mon Ami 7-6.

CHETNA — Win
DESERT HAWK — Next Best

THE STEWARDS CUP Division II.—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Hurry On 9-4; Embarkation 9-2, Super Charge 9-1; Coeur d'Or 9-0; Rolls Royce 9-0; Nirvana 8-13; Prospero 8-13; Fashion Parade 8-2; Merry Windsor 8-0; Put All 7-13; Clitheroe 7-13; Hercules 7-12.

EMBARKATION — Win
PROSPERO — Next Best
if ab. SUPER CHARGE

THE SATARA PLATE. Division I.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Chandrajeet 8-12; Lerins 8-12; Makarpura 8-12; Par Excellence 8-12; Furat 8-12; Play On 8-12; Carpet 8-12; Kennereth 8-12; Chand Chakor 8-12; King of Diamonds 8-12; Reshone 8-12.

MAKARPURA — Win
KING OF DIAMONDS — Next Best

THE PUNJAB PLATE. Division II.—Distance 1 mile.

Ajinkya Tara II 9-2; Star in a Million 8-9; Cockpit Pride 8-9; Toistar 8-9; Luminary 7-12; Atomic 8-8; Aunt Eliza 8-6; Brilliant Sunshine 8-8; Lalaji 8-4; Lady Chief 8-4; Court Dancer 7-13; Robin Adair 7-4.

COCKPIT PRIDE — Win
ATOMIC — Next Best
if ab. ROBIN ADAIR

THE KALABAGH PLATE.—Distance 7 furlongs.

Gipsy Gem 9-2; Crystal 9-1; Flying Home 9-0; Full House 9-0; Royal Mantle 8-4; Panna 8-11; Bramford 8-10; Rim Jhim 8-10; Zam Zam 8-9; Ma'maselle 8-8; Royal Crusader 8-7; Illicit 8-5; Post Master 8-5; Repartee 8-4; Simon's Sister 7-13; Near Image 7-13; Oriental Spotlight 7-12; Rae Saheb 7-9; Foxbrisse 7-9.

CRYSTAL — Win
FULL HOUSE — Next Best

THE PUNJAB PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile.

Vie On 9-1; Rival 8-11; Son of a Gun 8-11; Just Wai 8-9; Sweetest Desire 8-8; Chhatrapati 8-7; Pearl Mahal 8-6; Her Excellency 8-0; My Chance 7-13; Daisy Tripper 7-10; Home Spun 7-8; Broken Mask 7-8.

SON OF A GUN — Win
HER EXCELLENCY — Next Best

THE STEWARDS CUP. Division I.—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

King Sheridan 9-2; Du Barry 9-2; Filmindia 9-0; Cocktop 9-0; Bashir 8-9; Courage 8-9; Aan Baan 8-8; Moulin Rouge 8-7; Ariel Mail 8-5; Taslaroon 7-13; Happy Returns 7-10; Pan Supari 7-7.

BASHIR — Win
AAN BAAN — Next Best

CHOICE TREBLE:
CHETNA
SON OF A GUN
BASHIR

FLUKES
BRILLIANT SUNSHINE
SIMON'S SISTER

UNPLEASANT INCIDENT AT PAREL

Referee Unable To Intervene

BOMBAY, Friday.

In today's First Division game at Parel the match between Telegraph Recreation Club and Black Spiders resulted in a win for the latter by two goals to nil. In the very last minute of play the Black Spiders full back aimed his stick at the Telegraph outside left and a Skirmish followed.

Temper rose on both sides and the Black Spiders full back was cornered by the Telegraphists until even the referee was unable to do anything but blow his whistle for full time. The Black Spider's full back struck the other players outside the line when the ball had rolled out of play. But his other players mobbed the Telegraph outside left and things became unmanageable.

This side Black Spiders are already well known for their behaviour and drastic action is called for from the Hockey authorities.

In a fast encounter Mazagon Docks "A" beat Bhimraj S. C. by the odd goal in three in the First Division of the Parel Hockey League this evening at the St. Xavier's Ground Parel. All the goals were scored towards the end of the game. D'Lima scored both the goals for the winners while More reduced the margin for the losers.

Other results:

Div. I. Black Spider S. C.—0 Telegraph R. C.—0.

Div. III. Young Rovers S.C.—0, Blue Wizards S.C.—0;

Div. II. Byculla Loco 2 (Roache and Bayrose), Young Christians 1 (Mascarenhas).

CYCLING RACE FOR NOVICES

Swastik Club's Venture

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Swastik Cycling Club will organise a 25 Miles Time Trial cycle race for Novices on Sunday the 9th January 1949. Hitherto events for Novices were confined to short distances upto 10 Miles but the Sports Commttee of the Swastik Cycling Club has thought fit to organise races over longer distances to give the prospective road men a chance to show their ability. The race will start at 6-45 a.m., from Seksaria Building on Marine Drive opposite the Marine Lines Railway Station going to Churchgate Street Extension, Queen's Road, New Queen's Road, Sandhurst Bridge, Chowpatty and Marine Drive. The distance comprises 5 complete circuits and on the sixth lap the circuit is not to be completed the finishing post being opposite the Grand Medical College Gymkhana. The entrance fee for the event is Rs. 1/- only and will be accepted by the Jt. Hon. Secretary, 'The Reward' Tardeo Road, Bombay. 7. Entries close on Wednesday the 5th January '49.

St. Xavier's Score 15-0 Victory

BOMBAY, Friday.

St. Xavier's College trounced M. M. Arts College to the tune of fifteen goals. St. Xavier's who are for too good for any of the other College side had things their own way and could have given their opponents many more goals.

LOK SEWAK SABHA'S REQUEST TO CONGRESS

PATIALA, Dec. 31. (U.P.I.): The Lok Sewak Sabha, Patiala Union, it is reliably learnt, has approached the President of the Indian National Congress with a request that the Sabha be merged with the Union Congress and that due representation be given to the members of the Sabha in the District and Provincial Committees.

ASIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31. (A.P.I.): Invitations to send delegations to the forthcoming Conference of the Asian Federation of Labour, to be held in India next April or May, have been sent to the national organisations of Labour of the different Asiatic countries by Mr. Deven Sen, M.L.A., Convenor, Preparatory Committee, Asian Federations of Labour.

INDIAN PROFESSOR TO STUDY AT OAK RIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (U.P.A.): The Atomic Energy Commission announced to-day the appointment of Dr. P. S. Krishnan of Madras, India and Dr. K. Aterman of Birmingham University, England, to attend a one month course in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in techniques using radio isotopes in research.

The Commission said that radio-isotope training facilities at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies had been opened to a limited number of scientists from other nations and these will be the first foreign citizens to participate in the programme, which begins January 3rd.

JAWAHAR FOR ALLAHABAD

ALLAHABAD Dec. 31. (A.P.I.): Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, will arrive here to-morrow afternoon to attend the marriage of Miss Tara Pandit daughter of Shrimathi Vijayalaxmi Pandit which takes place on January 2.

ON THE INDIAN SCREEN

"JEEVACHA SAKHA"

Today's Premiere At Majestic

The peasants from Maharashtra are known for their ruggedness, faith, strength of character and regard for chastity and humour; these characteristics are will portrayed in Mangal Pictures' Marathi social, "Jeevacha Sakha", which is having its premiere at the Majestic today.

Produced by Wamanrao Kulkarni and Vishnupant Chawan, the creators of that jubille hit "Jai Malhar", this picture is based on a well-known Marathi novel by M. B. Bhonsle, and the screenplay, dialogues and lyrics have been written by G. D. Madgulkar, the author of 'Ramjoshi'.

Cast in the title role is Jairam Shiledar, who became a star overnight as a result of his portrayal of Ramjoshi. His sister, is forced into a life of shame because of a money-lender's vile design, and his father dies of the shock. Thanks, however, to the considerate wife of the money-lender, the boy is brought up by the very money-lender

Sulochana in "Jeevacha Sakha"

who is responsible for all the misery and by irony of fate he falls in love with the money-lender's daughter. The conflict between love and vengeance provides the high tension drama, which is further embellished with folk songs and a "tamasha".

Sulochana play opposite Jairam Shiledar, and others in the cast are Salvi, Jog, Saroj Borkar, Shakuntala Jadhav and Raja Paranjpe, who has incidentally directed the picture. Sudhir Phadke is responsible for the musical score.

"PAROO"

"Untouchables" Fight For Equality

This is not the first time that the problem of the Untouchable has been tackled on the screen; but it is perhaps the first time that the problem has been presented through the angle of the untouchables themselves in Peerless Picture's "Paroo", now running to crowded houses at New West End. It is not a story of a social reformer; but the moving tale of an untouchable girl and her struggles for equality.

The title role is played with considerable ability by Geeta Nizami. Randhir, a comparative newcomer, makes a likeable hero. Kesari as the villian and Ranjit Kumari as the vamp, acquit themselves with credit. Delightful songs and dances help to highlight the main theme of the story.

"MITTI- KE- KHILOUNE"

2nd Week At Swastik

"Mitti-ke-Khiloune", which is running into its second week at the Swastik, is a romantic tale of a whimsical maid and her meek lover. Into their love walk in the family traditions to set their love at nought. But the girl to whom the boy is married guages the situation and seeks the aid of her sister-in-law to solve the trian-

Karan Diwan in "Mitti-Ke-Khiloune"

gle. She, however, makes confusion worse confounded.

Director Prahlad Dutta has handled the story with an understanding that brings out the breezy situations into relief.

Nigar, Karan Diwan, Nirupa Roy, Dulari and Tripathi give fine performances in their respective roles.

Songs, which are contributed by B. R. Sharma and Pandit Indra, have been set to lilting tunes by Bulo C. Rani and Hansraj Bahel.

"GRAHASTHI"

At Lamington, Jai Hind And Rivoli

The combination of director S. M. Yusuf and dramatist Prabhulal Dvivedi again gives a fine tale of domestic life in Aina Pictures, "Grihasthi" which is running at Lamington, Rivoli and Jai Hind.

In the film we have a moving today of modern domestic life. A young man marries the girl of his choice, and both being highly educated and accustomed to city life have their own notions of how to lead a life. This brings them into very tight corner and it is only a friend's food action that excricates them out of it. Into this tale is woven the mother's love which makes the story a very heart-warming one.

Yakub and Lalita Pawar give fine performances as the good neighbour and loving mother respectively. Sulochana Chatterjee is very convincing as a typical Indian woman. Sharada and Kuldip, Masood and Pran also give good performances and Mirza Mushraff provindes the laughs in a hearty way.

The music is by Ghulam Mahomad.

Suraiya and Dev Anand in "Vidya"

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL AND KRISHNA:
"Jugnu", starring Dilip Kumar, Sashikala and Cuckoo.

SWASTIK:
"Mitti-Ke-Khiloune", starring Nigar, Karan Diwan, Nirupa Roy, Dulari and Tripathi.

EXCELSIOR:
"Anjangarh" starring Sunanda, Ajoy Kumar, Roma Nehru, Rai Mohan, Bipin Gupta and Hiralal.

NOVELTY:
"Dard" starring Suraiya, Munawar, Sultana, Nusrat and Husna Banoo.

OPERA HOUSE:
"Lal Dupatta" starring Madhu Bala, Ranjit Kumari, Kesari, Ullhas, Rajen-Haksar and Sapru.

MAJESTIC:
"Jeevacha Sakha", starring Jairam Shiledar, Sulochana, Salvi, Saroj Borkar and Jog.

SUPER AND KOHINOOR:
"Rambaan" starring Prem Adib, Shobhana Samarth, Umakant and Chandramohan.

CENTRAL:
"Seeta Swayamvar" starring Durga Khote, Anant Marathe and Baby Snakuntala.

ROXY:
"Nadiya-Ke-Par" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dileep Kumar, Maya Banerji, David and Ramesh Gupta.

IMPERIAL:
"Pyar Ki Jeet" starring Suraiya, Rehman, Manorama, Yashodhara Katju and Gope.

MINERVA:
"Mela" starring Nargis Dilip Kumar and Jivan.

NEW WEST END:
"Paroo" starring Geeta Nizami, Randhir, Ranjit Kumari and Kesari.

KAMAL:
"Khidki" starring Rehana, Jawahar, V. H. Desai, Lila Misra and Mumtaz Ali.

LAMINGTON, JAI HIND & RIVOLI:
"Grihasti" starring Yakub, Lalita Powar Sulochana Chatterjee, Sharada, Kuldip, Masud and Mirza Mushraff.

"NADIYA KE PAR"

3rd Week At Roxy

Ramesh Gupta and Maya Banerji in "Nadiya-Ke-Par"

Filmistan's latest "Nadiya Ke Par" written, produced and directed by Kishore Sahu has been hailed as a ruch rustic drama by discerning critics. It is now in its third week at the Roxy attracting packed houses.

The story is based on the romantic love between a fisher-girl and a wealthy boy. Together they face the ordeals of life. It is death alone that units these two lovers. The background is furnished by rustic life on the riverside.

Kishore Sahu, as the author-director, has given realistic touches to this screen-drama in a masterly manner.

The principal roles are portrayed by Kamini Kaushal, Dilip Kumar, Ramesh Gupta, Sushil Sahu, Gulab, David and Maya Banerji.

"DARD"

Kardar Picture Heading For Jubilee

Few pictures of late have presented so many "hit"-songs as "Dard", A. R. Kardar's musical which is now running in its 21st week at Novelty.

There are eleven songs in the picture and thanks to the combined effort of music director Naushad, poet Shakil Badayuni, scenarist Azm Baziduri and above all director A. R. Kardar, all the songs have turned out to be "hit"-songs.

Around these songs has been woven a love-triangle, the dramatic content and emotional appeal of which have gone to make the picture an engrossing one.

"LAL DUPATTA"

3rd Week At Royal Opera House

Despite the release of several new pictures in the City, Akash Chitra 'Lal Dupatta", produced and directed by K. B. Lall, has been enjoying a full complement of filmgoing crowd on account of the charm the film and its story hold.

"Lal Dupatta", is the story of a Zamindar who has modern views on life and who champions the cause of the underdog even at the risk of his own wealth. The film stars Madhu Bala who is refreshingly different in this film, with Ranjit Kumari who gives several good dances. In the male cast there are veterans like Sapru, Ullhas, Rajan Haksar and Kesari. Kesari, the comedian, the audience engaged for a full hour and odd by his pranks.

With melodious music by Jnan Dutt, sung by Madhubala and Ranjit Kumari, the film has many highlights.

"RAM BAAN"

9th Week At Super And Kohinoor

Prakash Pictures' mythological "Rambaan", is now running in the ninth week at both Super and Kohinoor. The picture deals with a most popular episode from the Ramayana — the abduction of Seeta and consequent fight between Rama and Ravana. These incidents are coherently narrated on the screen paying meticulous attention to the characterization of the personalities it deals with.

Shobhana Samarth, Prem Adib, Umakant, Amir Karnataki, Chandramohan have given outstanding performances, while Kanu Desai's art direction is a delight to the eye.

"VIDYA"

Next Change At Excelsior

The vigorous drive against literacy which most of the provincial governments are now conducting has provided a fine theme for Jeet Productions' latest offering, "Vidya", which will be released at the Excelsior cinema next week. Essentially "Vidya" is an entertainment picture starring the top song-bird, Suraiya.

"KHIDKI"

15th week at Kamal Arvind Anand's musical romance "Khidki" has now stepped into its 15th week at Kamal, drawing crowded houses at each show. Tuneful music and lively dances highlight the picture.

Santoshi, author-director, is responsible for the lyrics of the pitcure, while C. Ramachandra has given the music. In the cast are Rehana, Jawahar, V. H. Desai Lila Misra and Mumtaz Ali.

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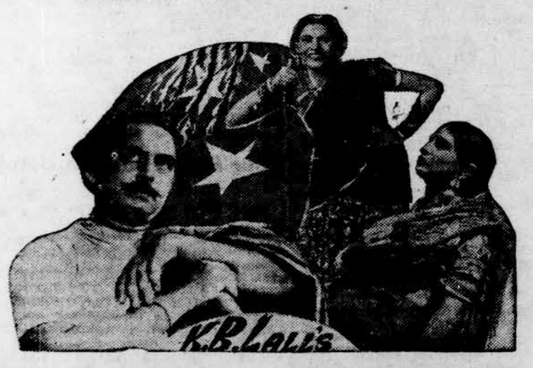

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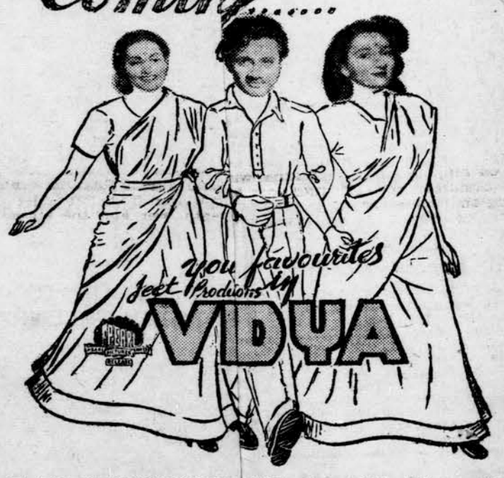

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Today's Engagements

MILK EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL MEETING: Today (Saturday), at Dhuru Hall, Opposite Chhabildas High School, Dadar B. B. & C. I. at 10 a.m.

SOCIALIST PARTY: ANTI-COMMUNALISM DAY PROGRAMME: Today (Saturday), Procession: Starting from Kamgar Maidan (Parel) at 3 p.m. Route: Kamgar Maidan, Parel Road, Vincent Road, Kings Circle, Hindu Colony, Tilak Bridge Ranade Road Extension Shivaji Park and Mass Rally At Shivaji Park (Dadar), at 6 p.m.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE: Today at 2 p.m., Open Conference and at 4 p.m., Subjects Committee Meeting.

SJT. RAGHAVJIBHAI T. LEOOVA: Meeting to congratulate Mr. R. T. Leoova, Baroda State Education and Local Self-Government Minister, today (Saturday), Municipal Chawl Maidan, Anneslay Road, 6-30 p.m.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY EMPLOYEE'S UNION: Meeting of the Railway employees at Podar College (Matunga), today (Saturday), at 9-30 a.m.

BOMBAY AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: Members of the Automobile Employees Union with their families will be visiting the Exhibition at Dhobi Talao today (Saturday) from 5 to 10 p.m. with other office-bearers of the Union.

SRI-VIDYA SIDDHI KENDRA: Service on "Positive and Negative in Electronics and Metaphysics". Exposition of Gita and "Zero B.C." Free training in the speediest and safest form of Yoga. All invited, 52 Shivaji Park, Sunday 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: All the members of the Bombay National Guards should be present at Azad Maidan on Saturday (today) at 7-30 a.m. to receive the instructions for the Congress Seva Dal Silver Jubilee celebrations.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sri Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Ragalankarji to speak on "Requisite Eligibility for Divine Vision" in English at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road, on Sunday, the 2nd January 5 p.m.

B. P. STUDENTS' CONGRESS: The General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Students' Congress in the course of a statement to the press says: On behalf of the Bombay Provincial Students' Congress, a 41-students' delegation headed by Shriyut Harshawardhan Bhatt, the President of the B.P.S.C. and member of the Working Committee of the All-India Students' Congress, will leave on January 5 for Cawnpore (U.P.) to attend the Annual Session.

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramaya President of the Indian National Congress will inaugurate the conference.

RAILWAY WORKERS' RALLY: Under the joint auspices of the G.I.P. Railwaymen's Union and the B.B. and C.I. Railwaymen's Union a mass rally of Railway Workers at Kamgar Maidan, Parel at 5-30 p.m. today (Saturday.)

Armed Forces Academy Course

Copies of application forms for admission to the 7th Course (Military Wing) of the Arms Force Academy, Dehra Dun, can be obtained from the Headquarters Bombay Sub-Area, Bombay, the Headquarters Poona Sub-Area, Poona, or the Education and Industries Department, Secretariat Bombay. The last date for receipt of application for admission to the Course is February 1, 1949.

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SUNDAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

BAND MUSIC: Joseph Baptista Garden, tomorrow (Sunday) from 4-30 to 6-30 p.m. by City Police Band.

"PROHIBITION": A Konkani Drama will be staged in St. Xavier's College Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m (S.T.), when Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay will preside.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION "STUDENTS' DAY": Tomorrow (Sunday) Chief Guest: Dr. R. P. Koppikar President: Mr. N. L. Kodikal, President of the Association: Public Lecture: By Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan on Sports at 9 a.m.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE: Tomorrow's (Sunday) programme meeting with outside delegates 8-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. Open Conference 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Visitors will be admitted to the Open Sessions by cards which will be issued from office or at the Hall.

BORIVLI VIDYARTHI MANDAL: There will be an Inter-School Elocution Contest under the Presidentship of Karshandas Manek at Seth Gopalji Hemraj High School, Borivli (East) tomorrow (Sunday) at 4 p.m.

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSES: Swami Sambuddhananda of Ramakrishna Mission will conduct a class on Bhagwat Geeta in English at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. The Swami will also conduct a class on the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna in Hindi and English at the same place tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE: Saturday the 1st January, 1949, will be a Post and Telegraph holiday on account of Bank Holiday. Thursday the 13th January, 1949, will be a Post and Telegraph holiday on account of Id-I-Milad All the departments of the Bombay G.P.O. and T.S.Os. including Telegraph Branches of the combined offices will observe on the above days the same working hours as on Sundays. Ordinary Inland Telegrams will not be accepted on these days. This is in modification to the Postal notice issued on 29-12-1948.

BOMBAY ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY: Regular classes on "Elementary Astrology 2 to 5 p.m. (S.T.), Mr. Y. K. Pradhan will deliver a lecture on "What the Capicorn Ingress Indicates" on Sunday, 2nd January at Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, 25, Choupatty Road.

LUNAVADA SEVAMANDAL: The annual meeting of Lunavada Sevamandal, Bombay will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.), in the Forbes Gujarati Sabha Hall (Opp. Jinnah Hall.)

INDIAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY: The annual general meeting of the Indian Physical Society will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 2 p.m. at the University Buildings, Allahabad.

BHATIA SPORTS: Under the auspices of Shree Bhatia Volunteer Corps the thirteenth gathering of the Bhatia Sports will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 2-30 p.m. under the presidentship of Sjt. Anandji Kanji Karsondas, at the Cooperage (near Band Stand.)

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "1949—What Shall We Do with It?" is the subject of Public Lecture tomorrow (Sunday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

TRANSMISSION OF FOREIGN TELEGRAMS

BOMBAY, Dec. 31 (A.P.I.): The Overseas Communications Service, Government of India, will shortly be handling foreign telegrams to and from Delhi now circulating via Bombay on their own radio circuit between Bombay and Delhi.

Disclosing this, Mr. S. R. Kantebet, General Manager of the Overseas Communications Service, told an A. P. I. correspondent today that when this new facility got stabilised and proved its usefulness, it might be made available to other cities like Calcutta and Madras.

Tax On Prize Competitions Doubled

The Government of Bombay has doubled the rate of taxation on all the licensed prize competitions, the new rate being 25 per cent. of total sums received in respect of such competitions. The prize competitions for which licences granted under the Bombay Prize Competition Tax Act, 1939, were in force on the date on which the Bombay Lotteries and Prize Competition Control and Tax Act, 1948, came into force, namely, December 1, 1948, and are still current are liable for the enhanced rate of taxation, from December 24, 1948

SANTA CLAUS AT J. J. HOSPITAL

A band of cheerful ladies and men visitors, under the auspices of the Hospital Section, of St. Anne's Sodalities, Mazagon, Bombay, accompanied by the Directors Rev. Fathers, A. M. Laita, S. J. and H. Dalton S.J., visited the J. J. Group of Hospitals on the 26th December, while Santa Clause distributed 1,000 Gift parcels to all the in-patients, including women and children of all communities. None were more happy than the patients of the Parsee wards, whose appreciation was so great that they shouted out "A Merry Christmas" when Santa Claus presented gifts to them.

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7-30 to 7-45 p.m. As in Bombay 1 7-45 Commercial News 8-0 Mukta Vaidya (Gujarati Geet) 8-15 Sadat Khan (Ghazal Shakil) 8-30 to 9-0 As in Bombay 1 9-0 Susheela Tembe (Bageshri) 9-40 to 11-0 As in Bombay 1.

CONSEMBLY ON A.I.R.

All-India Radio, Delhi will broadcast a review of the week's proceedings in the Constituent Assembly by Hon'ble Jaipal Singh on Saturday the 1st January 1949 at 8-50 p.m. All-India Radio, Bombay will relay this broadcast on 244 metres.

NEWS IN KANNADA

From Saturday the 1st January 1949, All-India Radio, Bombay will relay News Bulletins in Kannada as follows:—

7-30 a.m. to 7-40 a.m. on 41.44 metres.
7-15 p.m. to 7-30 p.m. on 41.44 metres.

Consequently the interval on Bombay-2 will be between 7-30 p.m. and 7-45 p.m. instead of 7-15 p.m. and 7-30 p.m.

The scheduled item at 7-30 a.m. can be heard on 244 metres.

ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION: For New Year, open upto Tuesday (4th inst.), whole day, admission free.

Sunday Programme

BOMBAY, Sunday, Jan. 2.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. S. D. Batish 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Bismillah and Party (Shahnai recital) 8-45 S. D. Batish (Ghazal) 9-0 Surreshbabu Mane (Vocal music) 11-0 Film Music 11-45 P. B. Nipanikar 12-0 p.m. 'Visha Kanya" Part I: Marathi drama Performed by Air Artists 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 V. S. Deshpande (Megh) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Which are the Best Tunes 2-10 The Firebird Suite By Stravinsky: Played by the N.B.C. Symphony Orchestra 4-20 P. B. Nipanikar 4-45 Jaltarang Par Poorvi 5-0 S. V. Phadnis 5-15 Gammat Jammat Programme in Marathi for children 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 S. V. Phadnis (Bhajan Mirabai) 6-30 V. S. Deshpande (Jait Kalyan) 7-0 Jaltarang Par Marwa 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Bhavgeeten 7-30 "Pataliputra Ki Khan Dehron Men" Play in Hindi by M. M. Khanna 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 S. D. Batish (Geet) 8-45 S. V. Phadis (Abhang) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Bombay Radio Orchestra 10-0 Concerto Hour 10-45 Rhapsody on a Theme By Paganini.

VARIATIONS

41.44 metre (7,240 kc/s.)
7-40 a.m Gujarati Geetmala.
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s).
5-45 Dhareshwar Bhajan Manhdali Bhajan 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
8-0 Narayandas Jeiksandas and Party Prachin Gujarati Bhajano 8-15 W Narayanrao Kansad Bhajan 9-0 V S Deshpand Rasiya bona Mari Bihag 9-20 P B Nipanikar 10-0 Suraeshbabu Mane Vocal music.

'VISHKANYA'

On Sunday (2nd January) at 12 noon A.I.R. Bombay will broadcast the first part of a Marathi Play entitled 'Vishkanya' by P. B. Bhave. Sumati Gupte will play the role of 'Vishya' the heroine. The second part will be broadcast at 10 p.m. on 8th January.

ADDITIONAL TRANSMITTING FACILITIES

Additional transmitting facilities, pending the installation of High Power Medium Wave Transmitters, will be available at the Madras, Bombay and Calcutta Stations of All-India Radio within the first four days of January 1949. The Medium Wave Transmitter at Madras will be strengthened as from 1st January. Bombay will go on the air with an additional shortwave frequency on the 2nd January, Calcutta on the 3rd January and Madras on the 4th.

"Nabhovani", All-India Radio's Programme Journal In Gujarati containing the programme schedules of Bombay and Baroda stations will be available at 4 annas per copy. Listeners who are interested are requested to contact the Public Relations Officer. All-India Radio.

A. I. R'S. NEW SERVICE IN INDONESIAN LANGUAGE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31 (A.P.I.): It is understood that All-India Radio's new service in the Indonesian language will be inaugurated on first January 1949 by Dr. Soedarsano, representative of the Indonesian Republic, in Delhi.

This service will consist of two transmissions daily 5-15. a.m. to 5-30 a.m. Indian standard time (19.62 and 31.36 metres) and 5-30 p.m. Indian standard time (19.74 and 31.35 metres) beamed to Indonesia.

I.M.M.T.S. 'DUFFERIN'

Results Of Qualifying Examination

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

The following candidates were successful in the qualifying examination for entry into the Training Ship "Dufferin", held in November, 1948:—

BOMBAY: 1-B. Naik, Manohar, 3-B Pradhan, Vasant 4-B, Patnis, Arvind 5-B, Soares, C. J. 6-B, Tanavde, Shankar, 9-B, Patwardhan, Dinkar, 11-B, Patwardhan, B. S. 15-B, Bhandarkar, K. S. 27-B, Satpute, S. B. 48-B, Sarkango, S. L. 146-B, Myres, E. O. 147-B, Pinto, J. H. S. 148-B, Joshi, D. C. 150-B, Bhoot, C. G. 152-B, Bhat, C. M. 155-B, Fernandes, D. J. 156-B, Rajagopal, Srinvas, 208-B, Saigal, A. K. S.

CALCUTTA: 30-C, Send, P. K. 35-C, Nyayapathy, N. S. 86-C, Basu, Arabinda, 124-C, Ghose, Haraprasad, 129-C, Paul, S. K.

MADRAS: 53-M, Rajagopalan, P. K. 77-M, Vijayan K. G. 78-M, Srinivasan, K. V. 80-M, Naganarayanan, V. 136-M, Reddy, V. R. 159-M, Rao, V. A. P. 161-M, Iyer, P. R. N. 162-M, Venugopalan, B. 166-M. Kumaran, K. K. S. 167-M, Narayanaswami, V. R. 202-M. Murti, Satyanarayana.

NAGPUR: 10-N. Palsole, V. K. R. 13-N, Chawla, P. K. 46-N, Kekre, P. G. 141-N, Pant, D. V.

PATNA: 82-P, Prasad, Jatindra. 157-P, Ram V. P. 192-P, Rai, P. C.

DELHI: 38-D, Singh, Sukhadial. 39-D, Agarwal, Hari Om. 42-D, Swaminathan, R. K. 55-D, Gupta, R. R. 58-D, Taneja, V. K. 59-D, Sen, R. K. 61-D, Bhalla, G. P. S. 70-D, Bhal, S. K. 89-R, Sethi, R. C. 93-D, Virmani, Bharat, 94-D, Narang, K. L. 114-D, Singh, S. P. 117-D, Gupta K. L. 180-D. Malhotra, H. C. 186-D, Sharma, R. K. 187-D, Bahl, V. C. P. 188-D, Vesudeva, M. N. 205-D, Sawhney, R. P.

LUCKNOW: 18-L, Sultan, K. S. 26-L, Quizilbash, R. K. S. 73-L, Khanna, G. N. 84-L, Osmany, A. M. 100-L, Sethi, P. K. 131-L, Bose, S. K. 133-L, Kishan, J. M. 134-L, Misra, Mahesh, 135-L, Goel, V. N. 171-L, Kumar, Anand, 193-L, Mathur, S. N. 195-L, Dube, J. L.

Of the 209 candidates that were registered, 183 appeared for the examination. Of these 71 were declared successful. The centres mentioned above refer to the centres at which the candidates sat for the examination. All successful candidates have to report for interview and selection for 52 vacancies at the Bombay University Convocation Hall, Fort, Bombay, commencing from the 31st January 1949.

GRANTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The Government of Bombay has decided to place the whole of the annual allotment of the building grant available for a district at the disposal of the Building Committee in case the District Local Board has increased the Local Fund Cess to three annas and earmarked 15 pies thereof for primary education The amount so placed at the disposal of the Building Committee will have to be utilised for the construction of school buildings in those areas only which have contributed their one-fourth share of the estimated cost, except in the following cases:

(1) In those areas in which the popular contribution equal to one-fourth of the estimated cost was paid to the District Building Committee before 1941, but no construction took place for one reason or another. No further contribution will be insisted upon for a building of the same dimension on the ground of increased cost of building.

(2) In villages in which the Backward Classes form more than 60 per cent. of the total population and in partially excluded areas, the popular contribution may be equal to the estimated cost of unskilled labour and may be levied in cash or in kind.

Half Fares For School Children

School children may now travel on most BOAC routes at half fares when visiting parents or guardians living in a country other than that in which the children are at school. The Corporation's routes on which this concession is not available are those between the United Kingdom and Canada and the USA.

These special 'school vacation return fares" are available for children up to the age of 18 years and are valid for four months.

BOAC have reduced the formalities for obtaining these tickets to a minimum. A note from the school principal stating that the children are visiting parents or guardians not resident in the country in which they are at school is all that is required.

Four Food Ships In Bombay

BOMBAY, Dec. 31.

Four food ships arrived in Bombay during this week. The GAUSAL arrived today with 7,840 tons of wheat from Argentine. The CARLTON brought 9,000 tons of American milo and the TILE BANK brought 4,364 tons of Australian wheat yesterday. Earlier in the week, the FRIETH JOENSEN arrived in Bombay port with 4,000 tons of wheat from the U.S.A.

BOMBAY ANATOMY BILL

A Bill to provide for the supply of unclaimed bodies of deceased persons to hospitals and medical and teaching institutions for the purpose of anatomical examination and dissection has been published. The Act may be called the Bombay Anatomy Act, 1949.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO INSPECT HOME GUARDS

During his visit to Bombay, next week, H. E. Sri Rajagopalachari the Governor-General of India will inspect a Special Parade of the Home Guards on their parade ground at Cross Maidan, Mahatma Gandhi Road, on morning of Sunday, the 9th January. After the inspection, His Excellency will address the Home Guards.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Dec. 31 (API.). Following is the daily weather summary for Friday the 31st December 1948:—

A western disturbance lies this morning over upper Sind and the adjoining parts of west Rajputana and the south-west Punjab. It is likely to move east or east northeast.

Weather has been dry over the country expect for a few showers in north-east Assam. Night temperatures were appreciably above normal over the region from west central India to gangetic west Bengal.

Forecast valid until the evening of 1st January 1949:—Rain or snow will be fairly widespread in northeast Punjab and local in southeast Punjab. Rainfall is also likely locally in the southern districts of southeast Madras and in south Malabar and occur at a few stations in north Rajputana and along the coromandel coast north of Cuddalore.

Night temperatures will rise in Rajputana and the east Punjab.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Dec., 31 (API.) The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st Dec. 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 8 hours (I.S.T.) on 31st Dec. 1948.

Ahmedabda 83 52 0 0 minus 0.3 Allahabad 75 50 0 0 minus 0.3 Bengalore 78 58 0 0.2 imnus 0.2 BOMBAY 86 69 0 0 minus 0.1 Calcutta 84 60 0 0 minus 0.2 Cherrapunji 57 42 0 0 minus 0.5 Colomob 82 74 T 0.5 plus 2.9 Cuttack 86 55 0 0 minus 0.2 Darjiling 43 31 0 0 imnus 0.3 Dehra Dun 69 37 0 0.4 minus 0.7 Delhi 76 42 0 0 minus 0.4 Hyderabad (Dn) 82 57 0 0 minus 0.3 Jubbulpore 82 52 0 0 minus 0.4 Karachi Nil Lahore 73 41 0 1.5 plus 1.1 Madras 83 68 0 1.7 minus 3.7 Marmagoa 90 71 0 0 minus 0.3 Mussories 53 35 0 0.9 minus 0.5 Nagpur 84 53 0 0 minus 0.5 Ootacamund 66 43 0 1.0 minus 0.7 Patna 75 51 0 0 minus 0.2 Peshawar 50 46 0.6 1.3 plus 0.7 Poona 87 54 0 0 minus 0.1 Rawalpindi 57 44 T 1.6 plus 0.4 Simla 50 37 0 1.1 minus 0.2.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR FARMERS: Forecast valid till the morning of 2-1-1949. A few light showers in Cutch, Halar, Jhalawad, Banaskantha, Kadi and Mahikantha divisions. Outlook for the next two days. Dry weather.

CONGRESS SEVA DAL SILVER JUBILEE

The following functions of the Silver Jubilee of the Congress Seva Dal will be held on Sunday, the 2nd January, 1949:

8 a.m. Assemblage of volunteers and Sevikas at Azad Maidan.

8-30 a.m. Route March of volunteers and Sevikas from Azad Maidan passing through the following localities:—Azad Maidan, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Sir P. M. Road, Bazar Gate St., Bori Bunder, Hornby Road, Crawford Market, Mahomed Ali Road, Musjid Bunder Road, Mumbadevi, Marwadi Bazar, Bombakhana, Bhuleshwar Kabutar Khana, Kumbhar Tukda, C. P. Tank, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Congress House and Robert Money School.

10-30 a.m. The Hon'ble Mr. Morarjibhai R. Desai will address the volunteers and Sevikas after the route March in the Robert Money School compound.

6 p.m. "Sneha Sammelan" of volunteers and Sevikas in the compound of Robert Money School, Proctor Road, near Congress House.

Dr. N. S. Hardikar, the founder of the Seva Dal, will preside over the function.

"Sarvodaya Kala Pathak" will give performance of their national dance and chorus songs items.

Workers and volunteers of the Congress Seva Dal and Sevika Dal, old and new, and other pro-Congress volunteer corps, who have been always with the Congress during thick and thin are hereby invited to participate in these functions of the day and make the celebrations in Bombay a great success.

Congress Sevika Dal

The G.O.C. of the Sevika Dal announces:

On the 28th of this month the Congress Seva Dal completed 25 years. It has, therefore, been decided to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. The day of the completion of 25 years of the chequered career of the Dal is an occasion when all volunteers, old and new, should meet under the National Flag which gave them inspiration for service and courage for making sacrifices.

Sunday, 2nd January: 8-30 a.m. Route march of volunteers. Only one batch of Sevikas will go.

10-30 a.m. The Hon. Morarji Desai will address the volunteers at Peoples' Hall. All Sevikas and Kumarikas should be present at the Congress House at 10 a.m. sharp in uniform.

6 p.m. Sneha Sammelan.

Workers and volunteers of the Congress Seva Dal, old and new, are hereby invited to participate in the function.

All Sevikas and Kumarikas are requested to come to the Congress House at 10 a.m. to the Congress House in uniform.

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APOLOGIES ALONE WILL NOT DO

BOMBAY, Friday.

It was authoritatively stated this morning that the Bombay Government had not decided against accepting apologies from persons arrested in connection with the R.S.S. agitation and releasing them.

The only condition demanded was that those convicted agitators who wanted to be set free on tendering apologies should also execute a bond for good behaviour for a stipulated period.

R. S. S. ARRESTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Twenty-five R.S.S. men arrested yesterday for holding parades and chalking up objectionable statements on walls, were convicted this morning by Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, to four months' R.I. each The total number of convictions so far are more than 1,400, the actual number of arrests having been 1477.

Baramati Taluka

Bhimthadi taluka of Poona district has been renamed as Baramati taluka.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, EAST PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SIMLA

(Advertisement No. 60)

INVITES APPLICATIONS on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury receipt or crossed postal order for Rs. 5/- not later than 31st January, 1949 for a permanent post of PRINCIPAL, GOVERNMENT TRAINING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, SIMLA in P.E.S. (Class I) (Women's Branch) from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile and subjects of Kapurthala, Nabha, Faridkot, Malerkotla, Patiala, Jind and Bilaspur states. Subjects of other acceding states are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the East Punjab Government will be necessary in their case before appointment. Candidates should possess a Master's degree and a degree or diploma in teaching from a recognised Indian or foreign university. They should also have some experience of lecturing and practical work in a Teachers' Training College. Age not less than 40 years and not more than 45 years on the 31st January, 1949 relaxable up to 50 years in case of Government servants. Pay: Rs. 400-25-625/650-25-850 with special pay Rs. 100/- and house-rent allowance Rs. 100/- p.m. Only women eligible. Further particulars on application. (2797)

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY
CHANGE IN TIMINGS

WITH EFFECT from THURSDAY, January 6th, 1949, No. 3 Down Frontier Mail will leave Bombay Central at 17.00 hours and arrive Delhi at 19.50 hours.

For detailed timings, please see Sheet Time Tables at stations. 2805

TENDER NOTICE

Specification No. ELG./T-9. NORTH GUJARAT ELECTRIC GRID SCHEME.

ADDITIONAL SUB-STATIONS EQUIPMENT

No. T.3/S-23:— The time and date for receiving the tenders against the above specifications which was extended upto 5 p. m. on the 20th January, 1949 is further extended upto 5 p.m. on the 14th February, 1949. The tenders will be opened at 11 a.m. on the 15th February, 1949.

V. R. VAIDYA
Executive Engineer
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. U.P.

Advertisement No. 35

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Dated Allahabad December 7, 1948. 2785

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, V. T. Bombay invites Tenders up to 15.00 hours on 15th, January, 1949, for supplying and fixing vitreous enamel station Name Boards at Various Stations on the Bombay Suburban Section. Tender form may be obtained from his Office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Drawings can be obtained on an additional payment of Rs. 3 per set. These sums will not be refunded. 2787

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 1

APPLICATIONS invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Upper age limit relaxable by 3 years for Scheduled Caste candidates. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. When applying for forms candidates must specify the name of the post. Closing date for applications with treasury receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7/8/- (Rs. 1/14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) 29th January 1949. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. The Commission may, at their discretion remit the prescribed application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Separate application with separate fee required for each post. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain paper if prescribed application forms not available. Such candidates should deposit their fees at the Office of the High Commissioner for India or of the Indian Ambassador or of the Government of India's Representative as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. Two weeks' extension allowed to candidates residing abroad. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so.

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(3) 5 SENIOR CORRESPONDENTS IN THE NEWS SERVICES DIVISION, ALL INDIA RADIO, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Posts temporary but likely to become permanent, but appointments will be made on 5 years' renewable contract. Candidates who applied in response to the Commission's advertisement No. 51 need not apply again. Their previous applications will be considered. AGE:— Below 40 years (43 years for Scheduled Castes candidates) Age-limits will be strictly adhered to, save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of 3 years. No age-limit for Government servants. PAY:— Rs. 720-40-1000 QUALIFICATIONS: — ESSENTIAL:— (i) Degree of a recognised University with good academic record May be waived in exceptional cases of candidates of outstanding literary or professional attainments. (ii) Experience of responsible journalistic work, preferably as correspondent in a reputable news organisation covering news of at least a major provincial area. (iii) Wide knowledge of and interest in topical events in India and elsewhere. (iv) Ability to write English in a lucid and compact style. (v) A sound knowledge of one or more Indian languages. DESIRABLE:— Knowledge of Hindustani.

(4) 5 CORRESPONDENTS IN THE NEWS SERVICES DIVISION, ALL INDIA RADIO, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING. Posts temporary and likely to become permanent but appointments will be made on 5 years renewable contract. AGE:— Below 35 years (38 years for scheduled castes candidates). Age-limits will be strictly adhered to, save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of 3 years. No age-limit for Government servants. PAY:— Rs. 720-40-1000 QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL:— (i) Degree of a recognised University with good academic record or good literary or professional attainments. (ii) Experience of day to day journalism preferably as Correspondent in a news organisation (iii) Wide knowledge of and interest in topical events in India and elsewhere. (iv) Sound knowledge of one or more Indian languages. DESIRABLE:— Knowledge of Hindustani.

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Advertisement No. 2

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APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 4-2-1949, from persons domiciled in Bombay Province and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan, for the POST OF OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF SEROLOGY IN BOMBAY MEDICAL SERVICE, CLASS I. PAY:— Rs. 300-1100 PLUS dearness allowance, compensatory local allowance house rent allowance and compensatory allowance for loss of private practice. Higher starting pay admissible. AGE:— Not more than 35 years on 1-4-1949. Relaxable in case of Bombay Government servants and in suitable cases. QUALIFICATIONS:— Post-graduate qualification in Pathology and/or Bacteriology of any recognised University. Those possessing training and experience in Serological and other allied work will be preferred. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will supply full details on request. 2783

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
ELECTRIC GRID DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for Cooling Tower for the Steam Power House near Surat, so as to reach the undersigned not later than 5-00 p.m. on 21st February, 1949.

Copies of Specification No. Elg. D S. 13, can be had from my office on Foreshore Road, Bombay 1, on cash payment of Rs. 15/- per copy which will be refunded on receipt of a bonafide tender. Firms outside Bombay may, however, remit the amount by Money Order. If additional copies are required and are available, they will be supplied on non-refundable payment of Rs 15/- per copy.

Tenders will be opened at 11-00 a.m. on 22-2-1949 in the presence of such tenderers as may wish to be present.

The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

G. S. RANDHAWA.
Superintending Engineer.
Diesel & Steam,
for Electrical Commissioner with the Govt. of Bombay. 2800

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VAITARNA-CUM-TANSA SCHEME

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for "The Supply of Materials for execution of Khardi-Vaitarna Road". (Tender No. 20) Tender forms together with specifications shall be available from the Construction Engineer's office, Vaitarna-cum-Tansa Scheme, Ex-Trust Building, Murzban Road, Fort, Bombay, at Rs. 5/- each, not refundable. Forms will not be sent by post.

The tenders will be received on WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH JANNUARY, 1949, UPTO 1.00 P.M. (B.T.).

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NOTICE
(LOSS OF TITLE-DEED)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original deed of Conveyance dated 15th March 1945 for Rs. 2257 between my client Kantilal N. Shah and Sunderji Devchand in respect of plot No. F part of S. No. 175 at Lonavla, Dist. Poona, registered under Serial No. 1815 of 1945 has been LOST or MISPLACED.

Any person having the possession or custody of the said deed and all persons having any right interest or claim against the said deed or against the property to which the deed related, by way of inheritance, mortgage sale gift lease lien charge trust maintenance easement or otherwise howsoever are required to give inspection of the said deed and make his claim known to the undersigned in writing at his office at Maharaj Building, Girgaon, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise it will be presumed that the original deed is destroyed and the claim if any will be considered as waived and a certified copy of the same will be deemed as good in law as the original.

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All that piece of land at Lonavla, in the sub-registration District of Maval Dist. Poona, being Plot No. F admeasuring 1505 sq. yards being a portion of Survey No. 175, having no municipal number and bounded on the north by plot G, south by plot E on the east by plot W and on the west by road.

Dated this 1st January 1949.
D. V. DHARAP.
Advocate, High Court. 2786

AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE

Auction Sale Tomorrow (Sunday), at 10-30 A.M. Property of C Wright Esqr. and others at Seth Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Seaface of made by Dewji Kanji and others, household and office furniture, Austrian, Godrej and other safes, mirror door steel almirah, Rem. std. and port, typewriter, singer rd. bob machine. "G.E." Refrigerator, dining, roll top writing and dressing table, show case, Chesterfield, Zoonda almirah, bed large glass partition, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213. EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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Chaos At Sholapoor Mills Meeting

GOKULCHAND MORARKA'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST RESPECTABLE SHAREHOLDER AND ITS SEQUEL

Chairman Dissolves Meeting

The 73rd general meeting of the Sholapoor Spg. & Weaving Co. Ltd. was held on Thursday the 30th December, 1948 when it had to be dissolved as a result of chaos and unseemly scenes following one of the Directors making unjustifiable observations against a shareholder.

DISSATISFACTION AGAINST MANAGEMENT

THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED, AS MOST OF THE SHAREHOLDERS WERE THOROUGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE MILLS AND THEY WERE THERE TO GIVE EXPRESSION TO THEIR VIEWS. AT THE OUTSET ONE OF THE SHAREHOLDERS, MR. D. C. MEHTA, RAISED OBJECTION THAT THE MEETING WAS INVALID FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(1) Every shareholder should receive a copy of the report and Balance Sheet. This was not done.

(2) The Chairman of the general meeting held on 30-12-43 had given an assurance that the general meeting would not be convened during the Christmas week as it was inconvenient for all the shareholders who wished to attend the meeting.

(3) There were errors in the printing of the Balance Sheet. It was therefore, necessary to have the Balance Sheet printed once again and re-distributed amongst the shareholders.

Besides these preliminary objections, Mr. Mehta pointed out that according to the Indian Companies Act there should not be more than one-third the total number of directors appointed by the Managing Agents. At present, there are four directors excepting one of them, all the other directors are from the firm of the Managing Agents, and as such, the Board of Directors as at present constituted could not convene the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S RULING

The Chairman gave a ruling that none of the above objections was valid and therefore, the work of the meeting should proceed. The Chairman in the course of his speech made it very clear that owing to differences among the partners of the Managing Agency, the management of the mills was practically at a standstill. The Managing Agents had not only declined to sign the Balance Sheets but they had even declined to certify the stocks, despite the auditors' request to do so. Finally the stock-list had to be certified by the Manager.

The Chairman declared his inability to bring about a satisfactory solution of this problem as there are only 4 Directors, including himself, on the Board and three of them are connected with the Managing Agency. Mr. Ghaswalla, therefore expressed the hope that the Inspectors appointed by the Government of Bombay would go through the accounts and the working of the Mills and would submit their report at an early date so that this matter may be brought to a head.

SECRETARY READS LETTER.

In course of the proceedings, the Secretary was asked to read the letter dated 6-7-'48, which he had addressed to the Chairman of the Board. He had made it clear in this letter that the Managing Agents were not carrying on the management of the mills and as a result thereof great hardship was suffered. Payments could not be made for the purchases as the partners declined to sign the cheques. Even hundis were not honoured. The Secretary complained that if he approached Mr. Ramkumar Morarka, who was one of the partners, for directions, he would be referred to Mr. Gokulchand Morarka and if he approached Mr. Gokulchand he would be referred to Mr. Ramkumar. As the Secretary did not know how to carry on under these circumstances, as many of the

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MUSICIANS VOTE FOR 'VANDE MATARAM'

CALCUTTA, Dec. 31. (U.P.I.): The All-India Music Conference, which is now holding its fourth session at the Dipak Cinema, Calcutta, passed a resolution today suggesting at the immortal song "Vande Mataram" was bandworthy and adaptable to orchestra and band music.

The Conference assured the Constituent Assembly that it was prepared to make suitable orchestral renderings of the song for ceremonial occasions as national anthem.

EXCISE DUTY ON TEXTILES

25 Per Cent 'Ad Valorem' On Fine And Super-Fine Varieties

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31. (U. P. I.): The Government of India have levied an excise duty of 25 per cent, "ad valorem" on fine and superfine varieties of textiles.

Rationing of textiles as well as the new textile prices will take effect from to-morrow throughout the country. These prices were evolved out of a formula which more or less follows the Tariff Board's recommendations and is acceptable to the Tariff Advisory Council.

By this formula, prices have been reduced compared to those prevailing since August last. The reduction is less than 5 per cent in the case of coarse and upto 10 per cent in the case of fine and superfine varieties.

OBJECT OF LEVY

The idea of the Government of India in levying the excise duty is to reduce the demand for super-fine varieties in order to oblige the millowners to produce more coarse varieties, since the main problem is believed to be not of prices but of availability. Another objective which the Government have in view is to combat the inflationary tendencies.

The newly imposed excise duty is expected to result in an income of Rs. 5 crores to 8 crores to the Government.

Government's scheme for the production of more cloth and cloth of durable quality also comes into operation from first January. Under the scheme, restrictions will be put on mills in regard to manufacture of cloth of certain qualities.

The new scheme, it is believed, will meet the demands for cloth for both internal consumption and for export.

Duplicate Securities For Hyderabad

BOMBAY'S STREET VENDORS

The Balloon-Man

What more fitting to usher in the New Year than the balloon-man? And here he is, having blown a noble bubble. Once seen only on feast-days and at fairs, today he is everywhere and all the time—the rasping sound of fingers rubbed on rubber or on plastic replacing the old shrill rising shriek of penny-whistle, heralding his approach—a pleasure to children, a pest to parents. Him you cannot shake off; you can only buy—peace and a balloon; and so the far-off noise of the road comes insidiously into the home. But, at any rate, he is a clean dealer and his wares are of the less objectionable type. They may offend your ears but they do not mess the roadway or litter the pavements. Even a balloon that has burst, is but a little piece of rubber which continues to give pleasure in the skilled hands and mouths of the older children. And now we have too the longer-lived plastic which alas does not burst with a bang. Only, if all balloon vendors would but follow the gentle seller who considerately uses a cycle pump to inflate his goods. Or is it asking for too much?

DUTCH ORDER CEASE-FIRE IN JAVA

Premier's New Year Promise: Police Action To End "In Near Future"

LONDON, Dec. 31 (Reuter): The Dutch Commander-in-Chief in Java today issued cease-fire orders for midnight local time tonight to all local Commands, fulfilling the Dutch promise to the Security Council on Wednesday, according to usually reliable sources at the Hague.

It was not known whether similar orders had been sent out in Sumatra, where the cease-fire was expected to be delayed.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST

The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Willem Drees, broadcasting to Indonesia today, said his Government would do all possible to conclude the "police action" there in the near future.

"We hope conditions have now been achieved in considerable measure to carry the responsibility for the transfer to the new constitutional system in the whole of Indonesia," he added.

RESULTS OF "POLICE ACTION"

In spite of Dutch claims to have reached all main objectives in their 14 day "police action", observers in Batavia were doubtful to what extent Republican forces had been defeated or dispersed.

A broadcast heard in Singapore from the Republican Governments emergency radio "somewhere in Sumatra" declared that Indonesian Republicans were ready to fight on "for years and years until final victory".

The Australian Seamen's Union today relaxed their total ban on all Dutch shipping, falling into line with the waterside dock-workers who have a ban only on Dutch ships carrying cargo to Indonesia.

BOMBAY WELCOMES THE NEW YEAR

At the stroke of midnight, Churchbells chimed, sirens blew and hundreds of dance-halls rang with melody of music, as Bombay welcomed the New Year with a smile, forgetting the year gone by with its hardships and spots of anxiety.

PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR

Reported Indo-Pak Agreement: Cease-Fire Expected Shortly

NEW DELHI, DEC. 31. (U. P. A.): INFORMED QUARTERS TODAY REPORTED THAT INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAD AGREED TO HOLD A PLEBISCITE IN KASHMIR AND A CEASE-FIRE WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

THE TWO DOMINIONS REPORTEDLY HAVE AGREED THE PEOPLE OF KASHMIR SHOULD VOTE FOR WHETHER THEY WANT TO JOIN INDIA OR PAKISTAN.

RESERVE BANK TO ISSUE

Delhi's Measure To Undo Invalid Transfer Of 20 Crores To Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31.

An ordinance has been issued today authorising the Reserve Bank to issue duplicate securities to the Hyderabad Government in lieu of the value of Rs. 20 crores purported to have been transferred by the officers of the Hyderabad State in favour of the Pakistan Government last year.

It will be recalled that this transaction came to the notice of the Government of India in December, 1947, and ever since they have repeatedly made it clear that the transaction was in clear breach of the Standstill Agreement inasmuch as it was tantamount to entering into relationship with a foreign Government which the Hyderabad Government was not competent to do.

PAKISTAN'S UNFRIENDLY ACT

The Pakistan Government were not unaware of the position and the Government of India's stand in the matter. By entering into this invalid transaction, the Pakistan Government have not acted in a manner conducive to the promotion of friendly relations between the two Governments.

Nevertheless, the Government of India had hitherto refrained from taking any action beyond restraining the transfer of securities held by the Hyderabad Government.

UNAUTHORISED TRANSACTION

H. E. H. the Nizam recently declared that the transaction was unauthorised and beyond the competence of the Hyderabad Government and therefore invalid and of no effect.

The Hyderabad Government, accordingly, addressed the Pakistan Government through the Government of India and requested them to return the securities to the Hyderabad Government, but the Pakistan Government have refused to comply with the request.

The Government of India have therefore been constrained to take action to vest these securities in the Hyderabad Government and to direct the issue of duplicate securities to the Hyderabad Government.

Bradman Knighted

Don Bradman, the greatest run-getting machine that the world has ever seen, figures as one of the new knights in the New Year's Honours List. This is the first time that a cricketer has been knighted purely for his abilities as a criketer. Sir Pelham Warner and Sir Stanley Jackson, who were also distinguished cricketers received their Knighthood largely due to their services as administrators of this game.

COLLECTION OF INCOME-TAX

New Ordinance Sanctions Provisional Assessment

NEW DELHI, Dec. 31, (A.P.I.): **The Governor-General has promulgated a new Ordinance enabling income-tax Officers to make a provisional assessment on any person who has sent his return of income and to collect from him immediately the tax on the admitted income without prejudice to the normal procedure or ascertaining the true inal demand later on the Ministry final Finance announced in a press communique today.**

Under the the Ordinance which the press communique describes as "of any anti-inlationary nature" allcredits for which set off can be allowed on the basis of the information in the return will be given before working out the provisional net demand.

One of the consequences of the new system will be that interest on advance payments made under Section-18A of the Income-Tax Act will cease to run after the date of the provisional assessment. The Ordinance also enables those who had short payments under Section 18A to reduce their liability for "penal interests".

As no provisional assessment will be possible without a return of income it is to be expected that stricter adherance to the statuory dates for sending the returns would hereafter be insisted on. Further, as the provisional demands will be relatec entirely to admitted incomes already earned not more than a week's time will be allowed for payment. Persons who have made returns of income and whose assessments are pending are expected to make arrangements immediately to meet the provisional demands that will be raised shortly.

The 'Bombay Chronicle' *Wishes All Its* READERS A Happy And Prosperous *New Year*

Notice To Readers

To-day (Saturday) being New Year Day, the office of the "Bombay Chronicle" will remain closed. The "Bombay Chronicle Weekly", without the news section, will, however, be available tomorrow.

Chiang's New Year Offer To 'Reds'

WILLING TO STEP DOWN IF THEY MAKE PEACE

Threat Of "War To A Finish" If Communists Do Not Respond

NANKING, DEC. 31. (U.P.A.): GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK MADE A BID FOR PEACE WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TONIGHT IN A HISTORY-MAKING NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT. HE DID NOT USE THE WORD "RESIGNATION" IN HIS STATEMENT BUT HE INDICATED CLEARLY HE WOULD BE WILLING TO STEP DOWN AND PERHAPS LEAVE THE COUNTRY IF AN HONOURABLE NEGOTIATED PEACE COULD BE OBTAINED WITH THE COMMUNISTS.

IF REDS REJECT OFFER

But he warned that if the Communists are "not sincerely desirous of peace", then the Nationalist Government with no other alternative, will fight to the finish."

It was taken for granted in all Chinese and foreign quarters here that the Communists never would consider negotiating with a Nationalist Government headed by Chiang.

LAST-MINUTE CHANGE

Earlier, authoritative sources had said Chiang's statement would say flatly that he would resign if the Communists agreed to peace talks, but this portion of the statement appeared to have been toned down in last-minte conferences with the Standing Committee of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

Highest Chinese sources here had no doubt, however, that Chiang meant by his statement that he realized peace negotiations would not be possible while he remained at the head of the Government and that he was prepared to resign if Communist leaders responded to the peace feelers.

Reds Mass One Million Men

PLANS FOR KNOCK-OUT PUNCH AT CHIANG REGIME

SHANGHAI, Dec. 31, (Reuter): Communist troops about 1,000,000 strong are deployed over a 650-mile front of the Yangtse for a knock-out punch at Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Sheks regime, Military sources said here today.

Shanghai military sources said the

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